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Details emerge in DCF case

Police claim caseworker helped a mother evade arrest on child sex abuse and trafficking charges

By **Mike Mavredakis**
Hartford Courant

The arrest report for the DCF caseworker who allegedly helped a mother wanted for child sex abuse and trafficking charges detailed how police say the pair left the

facility undetected during a supervised visit and the mother’s eventual arrest by the Hartford Police Department.

The Courant obtained the incident report detailing DCF caseworker Melisa Roberson’s arrest. Roberson is charged with risk of

injury to a minor and first-degree hindering prosecution, according to the report.

A Hartford Police Department officer responded to the DCF building in Hartford at 250 Hamilton St. on Friday around 5 p.m. for a report that a mother for whom there was an active warrant was present at the facility. The mother was wanted on several child sexual abuse and trafficking-related

charges, according to the police report.

The Hartford police officer spoke with a security staff member at the facility, who said he would need to speak with his supervisor and DCF staff.

The security officer went into the front office and met with the other staff members. DCF front office workers then told the Hartford police officer that, after

speaking with the caseworker, they could not confirm nor deny whether the mother was in the building. The police officer read the entry and exit log in plain view on the front desk, which had the mother’s name listed as entering the building at 4:19 p.m. with no exit log, according to the arrest report.

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READY FOR FALL

Ebony Oliver, 7, receives a backpack and other school supplies at Dunkin’ Donuts Park for the Hartford Public Schools Back to School celebration. The event was for Hartford students and families ahead of the first day of school on Aug. 29.



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Judge: Jones case can proceed

Latest Sandy Hook lawsuit set to go to trial in September

By **Edmund H. Mahony**
Hartford Courant

BRIDGEPORT — A federal bankruptcy judge has cleared the way for a defamation lawsuit in Connecticut to proceed against Infowars host and conspiracy theorist Alex Jones.

The case was filed by relatives of victims of the 2012 massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown.

They say, among other things, that they were defamed and harassed by Jones’ false broadcast claims that the nation’s deadliest school shooting — which killed 20 students and six educators — was a hoax.

Jones’ Texas-based legal team put his wholly owned company Free Speech Systems into bankruptcy in July, which transferred the defamation case against Jones and his company from Superior Court and placed it on indefinite hold in federal court, just as jury selection began earlier this month.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

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ELECTION 2022

Cheney in fight to keep House seat

Key Republican on Jan. 6 panel likely to lose in Wyo. primary

By **Steve Peoples and Mead Gruver**
Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — Wyoming Rep. Liz Cheney, a leader in the Republican resistance to former President Donald Trump, is fighting to save her seat in the U.S. House on Tuesday as voters weigh in on the direction of the GOP.

Cheney is bracing for a loss against a Trump-backed challenger in the state in which he won by the largest of margins during the 2020 campaign.

Win or lose, the 56-year-old daughter of a vice president is vowing to remain an active presence in national politics as she contemplates a 2024 presidential bid. But in the short term, Cheney is facing a dire threat from Republican opponent Harriet Hageman, a Cheyenne ranching industry attorney who has harnessed the full fury of the Trump movement.

“Today, no matter what the outcome is, is certainly the



Voters wait to cast their ballots in the Republican primary election Tuesday in Wilson, Wyoming. **PATRICK T. FALLON/GETTY-APF**

beginning of a battle that is going to continue,” Cheney told CBS News after casting her vote Tuesday, standing alongside her father, former Vice President Dick Cheney. “We’re facing a moment where our democracy really is under attack and under threat. And those of us across the board — Republicans, Democrats and independents

who believe deeply in freedom and who care about the Constitution and the future of the country — have an obligation to put that above party.”

But many of Wyoming’s voters don’t seem to agree with their three-term Republican congresswoman.

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“There is nothing more important she will ever do than lead the effort to make sure Donald Trump is never again near the Oval Office.”

—Former Vice President Dick Cheney, in a recent ad produced by his daughter’s campaign

Dream Ride returning to benefit Special Olympics

The Dream Ride Experience will return to Farmington this summer, welcoming thousands of motorcycle and car enthusiasts to celebrate people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. **Connecticut, Page 1**

Change in the air at food pantries

Sites try to appeal to growing number faced with hunger

By **Elizabeth Heubeck**
Connecticut Health I-Team

An abundance of healthy selections. Clearly marked nutrition labeling. The ability to pre-order. Fresh produce and meat.

The 364,040 people in Connecticut who face hunger — one in every 10 residents — are increasingly likely to find these and other grocery store-like features at their local food pantries.

Throughout the state, more appealing ways to address food insecurity — a plight characterized by insufficient access to nutritious food on a regular basis — are replacing the former stereotypical food pantries housed in dark, closet-sized spaces in out-of-the-way places frequently lined with cans of otherwise unwanted food and opened irregularly depending on the availability of volunteers.

“We’re trying to put some humanity behind the numbers and to recognize that every one of those numbers is an individual and is having a tough time,” said Katie Martin, former executive director for Foodshare Institute for Hunger Research & Solutions, a resource for food banks and community partners.

For many Connecticut residents, facing the pandemic without steady employment or the availability of free or reduced school meals meant crossing the threshold into food insecurity. Compared to 2018, 2020 food insecurity levels were elevated in every county in Connecticut — from 12.8% of the population in Tolland to 16.2% in New Haven

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364,040

Number of people in the state who face hunger. That’s one in every 10 residents, and food insecurity was exacerbated by the pandemic. Compared to 2018, 2020 food insecurity levels were elevated in every county in Connecticut.

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WOLFGANG PETERSEN 1941-2022

‘Das Boot’ launched German’s blockbuster American career

By Jake Coyle
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wolfgang Petersen, the German filmmaker whose World War II submarine epic “Das Boot” propelled him into a blockbuster Hollywood career that included the films “In the Line of Fire,” “Air Force One” and “The Perfect Storm,” has died. He was 81.

Petersen died Friday at his home in the Los Angeles neighborhood of Brentwood after a battle with pancreatic cancer, said representative Michelle Bega.

Petersen, born in the north German port city of Emden, made two features before his 1982 breakthrough, “Das Boot,” then the most expensive movie in German film history. The 149-minute film — the original cut ran 210 minutes — chronicled the intense claustrophobia of life aboard a doomed German U-boat during the Battle of the Atlantic, with Jurgen Prochnow as the submarine’s commander.

Heralded as an antiwar masterpiece, “Das Boot”



German filmmaker Wolfgang Petersen died Friday from pancreatic cancer at age 81. TIZIANA FABI/GETTY-AFP

was nominated for six Oscars, including for Petersen’s direction and his adaptation of Lothar-Gunther Buchheim’s best-selling 1973 novel.

Petersen, born in 1941, recalled as a child running alongside American ships

as they threw down food. In the confusion of postwar Germany, Petersen — who started out in theater before attending Berlin’s Film and Television Academy in the late 1960s — gravitated toward Hollywood films with clear clashes of good

and evil. John Ford was a major influence.

“Das Boot” launched Petersen as a filmmaker in Hollywood, where he became one of the top makers of cataclysmic action adventures in films spanning war (2004’s “Troy,” with Brad Pitt), pandemic (the 1995 Ebola virus-inspired “Outbreak”) and other ocean-set disasters (2000’s “The Perfect Storm” and 2006’s “Poseidon,” a remake of “The Poseidon Adventure,” about the capsizing of an ocean liner).

But Petersen’s first foray in American movie-making was child fantasy: the enchanting 1984 film “The NeverEnding Story.” Adapted from Michael Ende’s novel, “The Never-Ending Story” was about a magical book that transports its young reader into the world of Fantasia, where a dark force known as the Nothing rampages.

Arguably Petersen’s finest Hollywood film came almost a decade later in 1993’s “In the Line of Fire,” starring Clint Eastwood as a Secret Service agent protecting the president from John Malkovich’s assassin. In it, Petersen marshaled his substantial skill in building suspense for a more open-air but just as taut thriller that careened across rooftops and past Washington D.C. monuments.

Seeking a director for the film, Eastwood thought of Petersen, with whom he had chatted a few years earlier at a dinner party given by Arnold Schwarzenegger. Eastwood met with Petersen, checked out his work and gave him the job. “In the Line of Fire” was a major hit, grossing \$177 million worldwide and landing three Oscar nominations.

“You sometimes have seven-year cycles. You look at other directors; they don’t have the big successes all the time. Up to ‘NeverEnding Story,’ my career was one success after another,” Petersen said in 1993. “Then I came into the stormy international scene. I needed time to get a feeling for this work — it’s not Germany anymore.”

Petersen considered the political thriller — which

cast the heroic Eastwood as the tired but devoted defender of a less honorable president — an indictment of Washington.

“The film is rooted in a profound pessimism about what’s unfortunately happened to this country in the last 30 years,” Petersen said. “Look around — the corruption is everywhere, and there’s not much to celebrate.”

For Petersen, who grew up on the northern coast of Germany, the sea long held his fascination.

“The power of water is unbelievable,” Petersen said in a 2009 interview. “I was always impressed as a kid how strong it is, all the damage the water could do when it just turned within a couple of hours, and smashed against the shore.”

Petersen was first married to German actress Ursula Sieg. When they divorced in 1978, he married Maria-Antoinette Borgel, a German script supervisor and assistant director. He is survived by Borgel, son Daniel Petersen and two grandchildren.

Cheney
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“We like Trump. She tried to impeach Trump,” Cheney voter Chester Barkell said of Cheney. “I don’t trust Liz Cheney.”

Tuesday’s contests in Wyoming and Alaska offer one of the final tests for Trump and his brand of hard-line politics ahead of the November general election. So far, the former president has largely dominated the fight to shape the GOP in his image, having helped install loyalists in key general election matchups from Arizona to Georgia to Pennsylvania.

In Alaska, a recent change

to state election law gives a periodic Trump critic, Sen. Lisa Murkowski, an opportunity to survive the former president’s wrath, even after she voted to convict him in his second impeachment trial. She is the only Senate Republican running for reelection this year who backed Trump’s impeachment.

The top four primary Senate candidates in Alaska, regardless of party, will advance to the November general election, where voters will rank them in order of preference.

In all, seven Republican senators and 10 Republican House members joined every Democrat in supporting Trump’s impeachment

in the days after his supporters stormed the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, as Congress tried to certify President Joe Biden’s victory.

Just two of those 10 House members have won their GOP primaries this year. The rest have lost or declined to seek reelection.

Murkowski is facing 18 opponents — the most prominent of which is Republican Kelly Tshibaka, who has been endorsed by Trump — in her push to preserve a seat she has held for nearly 20 years.

On the other side of the GOP’s tent, Sarah Palin, the former Alaska governor and vice-presidential nominee, hopes to spark a political comeback. She’s actually

on Tuesday’s ballot twice: once in a special election to complete former Rep. Don Young’s term and another for a full two-year House term starting in January. Young, who served for 49 years, died in March at 88.

Back in Wyoming, Cheney’s political survival may depend upon persuading enough Democrats to cast ballots in her Republican primary election. While some Democrats have rallied behind her, it’s unclear whether there are enough in the state to make a difference. As of Aug. 1, there were 285,000 registered voters in Wyoming, including just 40,000 Democrats.

Many Republicans in the state — and in the country

— have essentially excommunicated Cheney because of her outspoken criticism of Trump. The House GOP ousted her as the No. 3 House leader last year. And more recently, the Wyoming GOP and Republican National Committee censured her.

Anti-Trump groups have worked to encourage independents and Democrats to support Cheney in recent weeks. They are clearly disappointed by the expected outcome of Tuesday’s election, although some are hopeful about her political future.

“What’s remarkable is that in the face of almost certain defeat she’s never once wavered,” said Sarah

Longwell, executive director of the Republican Accountability Project.

Cheney has emerged as a leader in the congressional committee investigating Trump’s role in the Jan. 6 attack, giving the Democrat-led panel bipartisan credibility. She has also devoted the vast majority of her time to the committee instead of the campaign trail. And she closed the primary campaign with an unflinching anti-Trump message.

“There is nothing more important she will ever do than lead the effort to make sure Donald Trump is never again near the Oval Office,” Dick Cheney said in a recent ad produced by his daughter’s campaign.

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PLAY4 NIGHT

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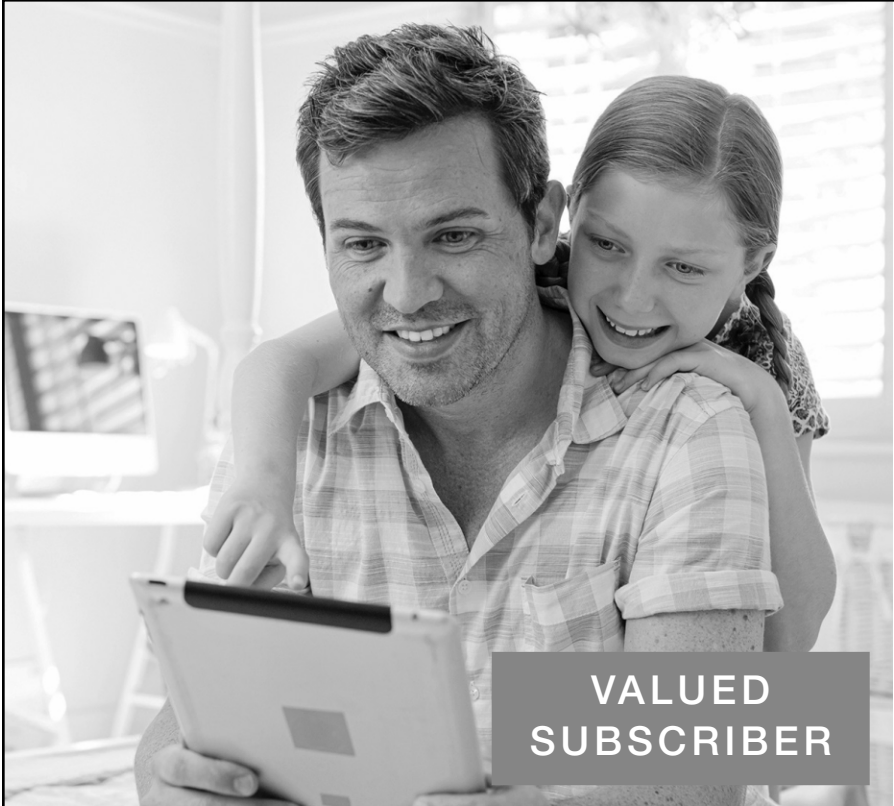
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DCF

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After further conversations, the officer left the building and met with the person, a foster parent, who reported the mother's presence at the facility. She told the officer that she saw the mother enter through the main entrance of the DCF building and knew it was the mother since she was familiar with one of the mother's children, according to the police report.

The foster parent told police that she and the mother had a physical dispute in East Hartford the previous week, the report said.

The foster parent told the officer that she had gone to the DCF office because she knew of an active arrest warrant issued by the court against the mother. She told police that the mother was accused of sex trafficking by the mother's underage daughter, according to the report.

The foster parent told police she saw the mother's white Honda SUV on the curb in front of the building, which the officer then confirmed belonged to her through a license plate

check. The officer saw the vehicle outside at the time, according to the police report.

The officer then returned to the building around 5:30 p.m. to check to see whether the ledger had an exit time next to the mother's name, and it did not. The officer asked security if they could confirm her presence and the security staff could not and told police most of the DCF staff had left the building, the report said.

Police then learned that the mother's assigned caseworker was Roberson. They attempted to contact Roberson but were unable to reach her, so police then attempted to reach her supervisor.

The supervisor told police that she had called Roberson and instructed her not to leave the facility with the child or provide transportation to the mother. She also said she openly discourages these types of actions, according to the report. Roberson's supervisor also told police she told Roberson to return the mother and the child if she did leave the building. The supervisor said, after not hearing from Roberson, she made numerous attempts to get her on the phone with no success.

DCF officials said they

worked with Hartford police to respond "swiftly" to this incident in a statement to the Courant. The agency did not name the mother.

"Our administration is built upon trust with the children and families we serve, community partners and members of the public with whom we engage on a daily basis," DCF Commissioner Vanessa Dorantes said in the statement. "We remain committed to holding ourselves accountable in transparent manner and a Human Resources investigation has commenced."

Around 6:45 p.m., Roberson, the mother and Roberson's supervisor arrived at the DCF facility with a man who identified himself as the mother's father, according to the report.

Police then placed Roberson under arrested and she was transported to the Special Investigations Division building on High Street.

Officers then met with the man, who told them he was contacted by his daughter, who was asking for a ride. The man said his daughter told him she was standing on a porch a few blocks from the DCF building. The mother told him that her

DCF caseworker, Roberson, had informed her police were present and wanted to arrest her, according to the report.

The man then told police his daughter said Roberson gave her a ride to her current location a few blocks away to avoid police, according to the report. The man said he told his daughter he felt "such actions were inappropriate" and encouraged her to go back to the DCF facility to "clear up the matter," according to the report.

The man then drove her back to the facility to meet with the police, the report said.

Police also spoke with Roberson's supervisor, who reaffirmed what she previously told officers and provided more detail, according to the report.

The supervisor said Roberson had been the mother's caseworker for about 30 days and had not had extensive contact with the mother. She said Roberson knew of the accusations of sexual abuse against the mother in regard to her children and that the mother was under investigation by the Hartford Police Department, the report said.

The supervisor said she contacted Roberson after

speaking with the police and advised her not to leave with the mother or the child. Roberson then declined further calls from her supervisor, who then called the program supervisor, who met with the police as well, the report said.

The program supervisor said she was able to speak with Roberson over the phone after multiple attempts and "firmly instructed" her to come back to the DCF facility, according to the report.

Police then spoke with the mother at their facility on High Street around 9 p.m. Friday. The mother told them she had gone to DCF for a scheduled visit with her children. The visit was supposed to be for one hour, according to the report.

During the visit, the mother said Roberson told her the police were out front and wanted to speak with her. The mother told police Roberson then told her to exit through the back door, according to the report.

According to the mother, she got into Roberson's state-issued vehicle with her child and Roberson drove them to an intersection near New Park Avenue,

where Roberson instructed the mother to wait until the police were no longer around. The mother then told police Roberson brought the child back to the child's foster parents, according to the report.

At the end of her police interview, the mother was informed that she had an active warrant charging her with second-degree sexual conspiracy to commit sexual assault, trafficking in person, second-degree criminal liability for act of another to commit second-degree sexual assault, conspiracy to commit commercial sexual abuse of a minor and risk of injury to a minor, according to the police report. She was then transported to the Hartford Police Department booking facility for further processing.

Roberson invoked her right to legal representation and declined to speak with the police. She was also processed and booked at the Hartford police booking facility.

Roberson's attorney, Steven Slattery, declined comment on Tuesday.

DCF declined further comment, citing an active criminal and internal investigation into the incident.

Pantries

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to 17% in New London, according to a report by the Connecticut Office of Legislative Research. But even during the darkest days of the pandemic, new and more effective ways of responding to food insecurity were taking hold across the state.

Innovations: "During COVID, working-class residents were one or two checks away from becoming food insecure," said Julieth Callejas, interim executive director of End Hunger Connecticut!, a statewide organization. Callejas says she and her professional peers discovered that food pantries weren't being utilized as efficiently as they could be. So EHC! stepped up, working harder and smarter to meet the growing demand in various ways.

During spring 2021, in conjunction with local food pantries, EHC! launched the Full Shelf Initiative, establishing a buying group to secure pricing contracts for the estimated 30% of food needs not covered by the existing food bank or donation process.

"It's food pantries helping pantries by networking and buying in bulk for reduced prices," Callejas said. "There are about 800 pantries across Connecticut. We've connected to over 200 of them."

In June, with funding from the American Rescue Plan, EHC! entered into a new partnership with the Connecticut Department of Agriculture that expanded its CT Fresh Match program, which allows Connecticut farmers market outlets to double customer purchases made via Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP benefits.

As of June, 28 Connecticut farmers markets, farm stands, and mobile markets were participating in CT Fresh Match, many within reach of residents who need help most.

In Bridgeport, for instance, seven farmers markets that are part of the community's Farmers Market Collaborative are in neighborhoods deemed "nutritionally insecure."

Increasingly, meeting residents where they are



Chelsea French, right, carries a box of food into the pantry July 21 at Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group after a delivery from Foodshare as Carl Asikainen, food systems coordinator, comes out to help. French is the community program manager for the social services agency in Thompson. CLOE POISSON PHOTOS/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT



Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group categorizes food on shelves at its pantry according to nutritional value to help clients make smart and healthy choices.

is a concept that extends beyond neighborhoods.

Meeting people where they are: In May, Hartford Hospital held a ribbon-cutting for its Food as Medicine center. Intended to look like a grocery store, the center offers patients access to healthy food items, free of charge, prescribed by their care providers.

Dr. Jessica Hsieh Mullins, director of gynecology

at Hartford Hospital, said that in November 2019, the hospital began screening prenatal patients for food insecurity. Initially, about 25% were determined to be food insecure.

"As the pandemic progressed, the percentages increased," Mullins said. "Now we're at 50 percent."

Mullins says food insecurity correlates with inappropriate weight gain during pregnancy, a risk

factor for gestational diabetes and other complications that can adversely affect maternal health outcomes.

As part of a pilot program involving 20 patients, participants who screen as food insecure have weekly access to the hospital-based food pantry and 1-on-1 counseling with an on-site nutritionist. The department saw a 50% reduction in inappropriate weight gain among participants

who received nutritional counseling, and that was before the availability of the on-site food pantry that offers healthy food choices.

"It's really encouraging," said Mullins, who adds that they hope to eventually offer this service to all patients who qualify for it.

A dignified approach: This client-centered approach to addressing food insecurity is gaining considerable traction throughout the state. Martin said that Connecticut Foodshare surveyed state residents last year. "A lot of people say they don't want to rely on others for help. They would feel embarrassed to ask," she said.

Foodshare workers use this information as they develop ways to make the process more dignified and share these strategies with their network, which includes multiple partner sites throughout Greater Hartford.

Promoting client choice is at the heart of this strategy. Rather than prebagged food, an increasing number of food pantries are offering options on shelves that resemble those in a grocery store, said Martin, who launched a new consulting organization, More than Food Consulting, LLC in

August.

How the shelves are organized is critical. Using a research-based tactic called SWAP (Supporting Wellness at Pantries), food is ranked nutritionally based on saturated fat, sodium and sugar and is readily marked with red, yellow and green labels. Martin said that grading food on its health value is just part of the process. "We're also putting more energy into asking people for their cultural food preferences," she said.

All these efforts are making the process more "transformational rather than transactional," Martin said. She points to TEEG, or Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group, Inc., a nonprofit social service agency in North Grosvenordale, as having embraced this model.

The nonprofit offers services for families in need, including a diaper bank and fuel and energy assistance.

TEEG Executive Director Anne Miller says staff members look for opportunities to support clients in as many ways as possible.

"When the community market is open, we have a case manager greeting people, signing them in," she said. "They might say, 'I know you have three children; would you be interested in our youth programs?'"

The three TEEG-operated community markets that Miller references used to be called food pantries. She says the newer versions, which apply the SWAP method of categorizing food, consistently offer frozen meat, fresh produce, milk and other dairy products.

TEEG also makes home deliveries to clients who can't get to the market.

Miller sees the food program as a way to reduce food insecurity and establish a trusting connection with community members who could benefit from assistance in other ways. "We are the conduit, the pipeline," Miller said. "It used to be neighbor to neighbor. We don't know our neighbors anymore."

This story was reported under a partnership with the Connecticut Health I-Team (c-hit.org), a nonprofit news organization dedicated to health reporting.

Jones

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Julie Manning late Monday transferred the suit back to Superior Court, concluding that that the state court is a more appropriate venue to move ahead with the four-year old case against Jones and Free Speech Systems.

"The plaintiffs' rights to have that process continue in the Connecticut Superior Court should not be disturbed," Manning wrote in the decision, adding that the plaintiffs' claims for

damages were ready for trial.

Jones' attorney, Norm Pattis, had no immediate comment.

Chris Mattei, an attorney for the plaintiffs, said, "We're grateful the bankruptcy court saw through Alex Jones' brazen effort to block a jury from being empaneled and holding him accountable. We look forward to trial."

The August bankruptcy filing was the latest in a series of delays that have prevented the suit from going to trial.

Late last year, presid-

ing Judge Barbara Bellis took the extraordinary step of issuing a default order against Jones for failing to comply with court orders — effectively settling the suit in favor of the families and leaving only the question of damages against him and Free Speech Systems unresolved.

A judge in Texas issued the same ruling in response to Jones' apparent efforts to stall a case brought in that state by parents of a murdered Sandy Hook student. The Texas trial concluded earlier this

month with the jury ordering Jones to pay the parents \$49 million.

Jury selection in the Connecticut case is scheduled to resume Thursday and the trial is scheduled to open in September.

Bellis also has scheduled hearings, set to begin Wednesday, on whether Jones' lawyers in Connecticut and Texas, Pattis and F. Andino Reynal, improperly disclosed medical and possibly psychiatric records of the parents and other relatives who brought the Connecticut suit. Should Bellis find

there was a records disclosure in violation of her confidentiality orders and state and federal confidentiality laws, she could discipline or sanction the lawyers.

She ordered Pattis to appear before her Wednesday morning.

In legal papers filed with the court, Pattis denied any misconduct in handling medical records, which Jones' lawyers collected from relatives of victims during the pre-trial, evidence sharing stage of the case. He said in the court filing that he provided

case records to one of Jones' Texas lawyers, who was authorized to view them and that the Texas lawyer apparently shared the records with a colleague, which may have resulted in the improper dissemination.

"Any misconduct is vehemently denied here as Mr. Pattis' conduct fell directly within permissible conduct under a careful reading of the confidentiality order," Pattis' lawyer wrote in the court filing.

Associated Press contributed to this story.

Dems’ climate, health bill now law

Signing caps spurt of legislative progress for Biden, Congress

By Zeke Miller and Seung Min Kim
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden signed Democrats’ landmark climate change and health care bill into law Tuesday, delivering what he has called the “final piece” of his pared-down domestic agenda, as he aims to boost his party’s standing with voters less than three months before the midterm elections.

The legislation includes the most substantial federal investment in history to fight climate change — some \$375 billion over the decade — and would cap prescription drug costs at \$2,000 out-of-pocket annually for Medicare recipients. It also would help an estimated 13 million Americans pay for health care insurance by extending subsidies provided during the coronavirus pandemic.

The measure is paid for by new taxes on large companies and stepped-up IRS enforcement of wealthy individuals and entities, with additional funds going to reduce the federal deficit.

In a triumphant signing event at the White House, Biden pointed to the law as proof that democracy — no matter how long or messy the process — can still deliver for voters in America as he road-tested a line he will likely repeat later this fall ahead of the midterms: “The American people won, and the special interests lost.”

“In this historic moment, Democrats sided with the American people, and every single Republican in the Congress sided with the special interests in this



President Joe Biden signs the Democrats’ landmark climate and health care bill as Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., left, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York, and Rep. James Clyburn, D-S.C., look on Tuesday in Washington. **SUSAN WALSH/AP**

vote,” Biden said, repeatedly seizing on the contrast between his party and the GOP. “Every single one.”

The House on Friday approved the measure on a party-line 220-207 vote. It passed the Senate days earlier with Vice President Kamala Harris breaking a 50-50 tie in that chamber.

Biden signed the bill into law during a small ceremony in the White House, sandwiched between his return from a six-day beachside vacation in South Carolina and his departure for his home in Wilmington, Delaware. He plans to hold a larger “celebration” for the legislation

on Sept. 6 once lawmakers return to Washington.

The signing caps a spurt of legislative productivity for Biden and Congress, who in three months have approved legislation on veterans’ benefits, the semiconductor industry and gun checks for young buyers. The president and lawmakers have also responded to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine and overwhelmingly supported NATO membership for Sweden and Finland.

With Biden’s approval rating lagging, Democrats are hoping that the string of successes will jump-start their chances of maintaining

control in Washington in the November midterms. The 79-year-old president aims to restore his own standing with voters as he contemplates a reelection bid.

Republicans say the legislation’s new business taxes will increase prices, worsening the nation’s bout with its highest inflation since 1981. Though Democrats have labeled the measure the Inflation Reduction Act, nonpartisan analysts say it will have a barely perceptible impact on prices.

Senate Minority Whip John Thune, R-S.D., on Tuesday continued those same criticisms, but ac-

knowledgeled its “benefit” through extensions on tax credits for renewable energy projects like solar and wind.

“I think it’s too much spending, too much taxing, and in my view wrong priorities, and a supercharged, supersized IRS that is going to be going after a lot of not just high-income taxpayers but a lot of mid-income taxpayers,” said Thune, speaking at a Chamber of Commerce event in Sioux Falls. The administration has disputed that anyone but high earners will face increased tax scrutiny, with Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen directing the tax

agency to focus solely on businesses and people earning more than \$400,000 per year for the new audits.

The measure is a slimmed-down version of the more ambitious plan to supercharge environment and social programs that Biden and his party unveiled early last year.

Biden’s initial 10-year, \$3.5 trillion proposal also envisioned free prekindergarten, paid family and medical leave, expanded Medicare benefits and eased immigration restrictions. That crashed after centrist Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., said it was too costly.

Though the law is considerably smaller than their initial ambitions, Biden and Democrats are hailing the legislation as a once-in-a-generation investment in addressing the long-term effects of climate change, as well as drought in the nation’s West.

The law will direct spending, tax credits and loans to bolster technology like solar panels, consumer efforts to improve home energy efficiency, emission-reducing equipment for coal- and gas-powered power plants, and air pollution controls for farms, ports and low-income communities.

Another \$64 billion would help 13 million people pay premiums over the next three years for privately bought health insurance under the Affordable Care Act. Medicare would gain the power to negotiate its costs for pharmaceuticals, initially in 2026 for only 10 drugs. Medicare beneficiaries’ out-of-pocket prescription costs would be limited to \$2,000 annually starting in 2025, and beginning next year would pay no more than \$35 monthly for insulin, the costly diabetes drug.

DHS watchdog accused of obstructing testimony

Top Dems say he is ignoring demands made by Congress

By Luke Broadwater and Eileen Sullivan
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — The Department of Homeland Security’s internal watchdog, who is under criticism for his handling of an investigation into missing Secret Service text messages around the time of the U.S. Capitol attack, is refusing to cooperate with congressional demands, even blocking his employees from testifying before Congress, two top Democrats said Tuesday.

Reps. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., chair of the Oversight Committee; and Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., chair of the Homeland Security Committee, sent a letter to Joseph Cuffari, the Homeland Security inspector general, demanding that his office comply with their requests for documents and transcribed interviews.

“Your obstruction of the committees’ investigations is unacceptable, and your justifications for this noncompliance appear to reflect a funda-

mental misunderstanding of Congress’ authority and your duties as an inspector general,” the letter said.

The clash is the latest development surrounding missing text messages from around Jan. 6, 2021, that were sent and received by Secret Service agents and later erased. It is unclear what the deleted messages said or how many are missing, but congressional panels are scrutinizing what agents were saying and doing as President Donald Trump insisted on joining a crowd of his supporters at the Capitol after mob violence began that day.

Cuffari, who was appointed by Trump, said the Secret Service hampered his investigation into the matter. Congressional committees accuse him of failing to adequately carry out an inquiry.

Adding to Congress’ concern: deleted text messages related to the Capitol attack from top Homeland Security and Defense Department officials in the Trump administration. Defense officials have said that some phones of Trump administration officials were “wiped” when they left their government

jobs.

Cuffari’s office similarly conducted a so-called iPhone refresh in June, when employees were instructed to wipe their devices and decide which text messages should be saved. The inspector general’s office did not respond to questions about whether Cuffari preserved any relevant text messages during the process.

Sen. Gary Peters, D-Mich., chair of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, sent letters last week to Cuffari, the Homeland Security secretary and the departing Secret Service director, requesting more information about the deleted communications and the process for preserving federal records.

Cuffari told Congress last month that Secret Service text messages from Jan. 5 and 6, 2021, had been erased, suggesting that it occurred as part of a device replacement program. He has said those whose messages were missing included agents who were part of Trump’s security detail.

The inspector general also directed the Secret Service to halt its internal search for



Two members of the U.S. Secret Service Counter Assault Team, a special tactical unit, walk through the Rotunda at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. **J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP**

purged texts so it would not “interfere with an ongoing criminal investigation.”

Maloney and Thompson said Cuffari’s office had delayed telling Congress about the missing messages for months and hampered an internal investigation into the matter. His office “may have taken steps to cover up the extent of missing records,” they said.

The lawmakers have called on Cuffari to recuse himself from the investigation, a demand he has refused. They have also called for two officials in his

office to testify.

Maloney and Thompson said Cuffari sent them a letter Aug. 8 “refusing to acknowledge any failures in the adequacy and timeliness” of his notification to Congress.

“You gave no indication that you would step aside from the investigation, raising the prospect that the inquiry could be further compromised,” the lawmakers wrote. “You also refused to provide any documents responsive to our request and/or allow your staff to be interviewed, stating, ‘We do

not authorize our staff to sit for transcribed interviews with your committee about these ongoing matters.”

They warned Cuffari they would “consider alternate measures to ensure” compliance. While Maloney and Thompson were not specific about these potential steps, they could subpoena documents and testimony. They gave his office until Aug. 23 to provide “all responsive documents” and make personnel available for interviews before lawmakers issue a congressional subpoena.



First lady Jill Biden tested positive for COVID-19 while on vacation in South Carolina. **MANUEL BALCE CENETA/AP**

First lady has ‘mild symptoms’ from COVID-19

By Zeke Miller
Associated Press

KIAWAH ISLAND, S.C. — First lady Jill Biden tested positive for COVID-19 and was experiencing “mild symptoms,” the White House announced Tuesday.

President Joe Biden continues to test negative after recently recovering from the virus but will wear a mask indoors for 10 days as a precaution.

The Bidens have been vacationing in South Caro-

lina since Aug. 10, and the first lady began experiencing symptoms Monday.

Jill Biden, like her husband, has been twice vaccinated and twice boosted with the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. She has been prescribed the antiviral drug Paxlovid and will isolate at the vacation home for at least five days.

“Close contacts of the first lady have been notified,” her communications director, Elizabeth Alexander, said in a statement. “She is

currently staying at a private residence in South Carolina and will return home after she receives two consecutive negative COVID tests.”

The president returned Tuesday to Washington to sign the Democrats’ landmark climate change and health care bill before continuing to his home in Wilmington, Delaware. He recovered from a rebound case of the virus Aug. 7.

“Consistent with CDC guidance because he is a close contact of the first

lady, he will mask for 10 days when indoors and in close proximity to others,” the White House said. It said it would increase the president’s testing cadence and report those results.

Jill Biden will no longer travel to Florida later this week. She previously had announced her participation in events Thursday night and Friday at Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando in support of her Joining Forces initiative for military families.

WORLD & NATION

Many doubt own impact on climate

Poll also shows wide majority in US say change is happening

By Hannah Fingerhut and Nuha Dolby
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Americans are less concerned now about how climate change might impact them personally — and about how their personal choices affect the climate — than they were three years ago, a new poll shows, even as a wide majority still believe climate change is happening.

The June Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research poll, which was conducted before Congress passed the Inflation Reduction Act last Friday, shows majorities of U.S. adults think the government and corporations have a significant responsibility to address climate change. The new law will invest nearly \$375 billion in climate strategies over the next decade.

Overall, 35% of U.S. adults say they are “extremely” or “very” concerned about the impact of climate change on them personally, down from 44% in August 2019. Another third say they are somewhat concerned. Only about half say their actions have an effect on climate change, compared with two-thirds in 2019.

Black and Hispanic Americans, women and Democrats are especially likely to be strongly concerned about the impact of climate change on them personally and about how their personal choices affect the climate.

Many climate scientists said the shifts are concerning but not surprising given that individuals are feeling overwhelmed by a range of issues including an economy plagued by inflation after more than two years of a pandemic. In addition to being outpaced by other issues, climate change and the environment are



Diane Panicucci, of West Warwick, R.I., believes climate change is occurring and needs to be addressed, but she said it's a low priority for her. STEVEN SENNE/AP

mentioned as priorities by fewer Americans now than just a few years ago, according to the poll.

Diane Panicucci in West Warwick, Rhode Island, believes climate change is happening and that it needs to be addressed. But for her, it's a low priority.

“There's so much unrest in this country right now,” the 62-year-old said.

Panicucci added solar panels to her house, and she's cut back on driving. She thinks individuals should do what they're told will help, but “it doesn't start with little ol' me. It has to be larger scale,” she said.

While the climate crisis will require an “all of the above approach,” it's “reasonable” that individuals don't feel they have the bandwidth to tackle climate action “on top of everything

else,” said Kim Cobb, director of the Institute at Brown University for Environment and Society.

Roughly two-thirds of Americans say the U.S. federal government, developed countries abroad, and corporations and industries have a large responsibility to address climate change. Only 45% say that of individual people.

Jack Hermanson, a 23-year-old software engineer, feels corporations are “major culprits” of emissions and that the government is complicit.

“I don't know if that makes sense to say that individuals should have to work and fix the climate,” the Denver resident said. “I would say my individual actions hardly mean anything at all.”

U.S. household green-

house gas emissions are not as much as those from cars, trucks and other transportation, electrical power generating and industry. A 2020 University of Michigan study of 93 million U.S. homes estimates 20% of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions comes from home energy use, with wealthier Americans' per capita footprints about 25% higher than low-income residents.

That difference hasn't stopped Hermanson from trying. He's been a vegetarian for four years, and he tries to bike or take public transportation.

Among Americans who believe in climate change, 70% say it will be necessary for individuals to make major lifestyle changes to combat the issue. Most think individuals have at least some responsibility.

Individuals can believe they personally don't have a direct impact while also recognizing that collective action is essential to combating climate change, said Shahzeen Attari, who studies human behavior and climate change at Indiana University.

The poll shows about 6 in 10 Americans say they have reduced their driving, reduced their use of heat or air conditioning and bought used products instead of new ones. Nearly three-quarters are using energy-efficient appliances. Among those who are taking those steps, most say the main reason is to save money.

Roughly a quarter say they use an electricity supplier that gets power from renewable sources, and only about 1 in 10 live in a home with

solar panels or drive a hybrid or electric car.

Brad Machincia, a 38-year-old welder, said he wouldn't switch to an electric vehicle. While he said he grew up in a West Virginia household that used renewable energy sources, he hasn't adopted those practices for his family in Christiansburg, Virginia. Climate change used to be a concern for him, but at this point, he feels like it's “beating a dead horse.”

Julio Carmona, a 37-year-old financial clerk, said he recently transitioned his home in Bridgeport, Connecticut, to solar energy because the switch will help reduce his carbon footprint and his expenses, even if modestly.

“I thought that it was just something smart for us to do long term,” he said.

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WORLD & NATION

Oklahoma abortion law sparks fear

Criminal liability a worry for those who offer women help

By Sean Murphy
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Strict anti-abortion laws that took effect in Oklahoma this year led to the quick shuttering of every abortion facility in the state, but left questions for those who work directly with women who may seek their advice or help getting an abortion out of state.

Beyond the profound repercussions the abortion laws are having on medical care, especially reproductive medicine, clergy members, social workers and even librarians have raised concerns about being exposed to criminal or civil liability for just discussing the topic.

Those fears are well-founded, says Joseph Thai, a professor at the University of Oklahoma who teaches about constitutional law and the Supreme Court.

Thai described Oklahoma's new anti-abortion laws, which include both criminal and civil penalties, as the strictest in the nation and sweeping in substance and scope.

The U.S. Supreme Court's decision in June to overturn Roe v. Wade and remove women's constitutional right to abortion immediately triggered a 1910 Oklahoma law that makes it a felony, punishable by two to five years in prison, for every person who "advises" or provides any other means for a woman to procure an abortion.

That law allows abortion only to save the mother's life.

"That all-encompassing language can make anyone and everyone who helps a woman get an abortion or provides information about access to abortion — including a spouse, another family member, a friend, a classmate or co-worker, a librarian, or even an Uber driver — a



The Rev. Lori Walke, senior minister at Mayflower Congregational Church in Oklahoma City, said state religious leaders are worried about facing legal exposure for helping women navigate abortion services amid an anti-abortion law. **SUE OGROCKI/AP**

felon," Thai said. "Likewise, employers who have pledged to pay for their employees' abortions as part of their reproductive health coverage and their insurance companies face criminal liability."

Although Alabama, Arizona and Texas have laws prohibiting "aiding and abetting" a woman in getting an abortion, Oklahoma's is the strictest and the only one currently in effect, said Elizabeth Nash, a state policy analyst for the abortion-rights supporting Guttmacher Institute.

While former providers in Oklahoma may have halted abortions, they haven't stopped giving advice.

Emily Wales, CEO of Planned Parenthood Great Plains, said giving a pregnant woman information about abortion care is guarded under free speech protections in the Constitution.

"We've heard from providers who aren't sure if they can make referrals, if they can even tell people to go to Planned Parenthood's website or abortionfinder.com," Wales said. "We don't think there's any controversy about being able to tell people what their options are and that they can access care in another state."

Others, however, are more concerned.

No charges have been filed in the seven weeks since the law against advising or helping a woman get an abortion went into effect, and it's not known whether anyone is being investigated.

Messages left with several Oklahoma prosecutors about how they plan to enforce the anti-abortion laws were not returned. And the head of the state's District Attorneys Council, Kathryn Boyle Brewer, said the issue hasn't

been formally discussed by prosecutors at its regular meetings.

Senate President Pro Tempore Greg Treat, an Oklahoma City Republican who wrote the trigger law, said he believes those who help a woman get an abortion should be prosecuted.

But he said it's unlikely prosecutors would go after a pregnant woman's family members.

"Absolutely, if you're going to aid and abet in a felony, you should be held responsible," Treat said. "Where the bigger issue is where these corporations are offering to pay \$4,000 to help you kill an unborn life and knowingly go around Oklahoma's statutes."

"Since this has been in effect, there haven't been any prosecutions," he said. "The good news is people are not having abortions in Oklahoma, and thus far there has

not been a case where someone is aiding and abetting in such a way that can be prosecuted."

A separate law passed by Oklahoma's Republican-controlled Legislature this year that was modeled on a Texas law allows anyone to sue "any person" who aids and abets a woman in getting an abortion and collect a minimum \$10,000 award plus attorney fees.

"Notably, none of these criminal or civil laws limit their language to abortions performed in Oklahoma," Thai added. "So anyone in Oklahoma who helps a woman get an abortion outside of Oklahoma, such as in neighboring Kansas, arguably could be prosecuted or sued under these sweeping laws."

The Rev. Lori Walke, senior minister at Mayflower Congregational

Church in Oklahoma City, said that's left some religious leaders wondering about their potential legal exposure for helping women navigate abortion services.

"Among my colleagues the conversation has been: 'This is a risk we have to be willing to take because abortion bans are against our religion,' to put it directly," Walke said, adding that sometimes advocacy work by faith leaders includes the possibility of arrest and incarceration.

Similar concerns are being raised by social workers, many of whom believe a prohibition on advising women about abortion services conflicts with their code of ethics that requires them to respect a client's wishes, said Steven Pharris, head of Oklahoma's chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

"The changes in laws have kind of criminalized a big part of what we do, so it's changed our role with clients," Pharris said. "It's created a chilling effect on what we can and can't say."

At one point, librarians in Oklahoma City were warned not to even say the word "abortion."

That later changed after the city library system's team reviewed the laws, said Larry White, the system's head.

White says staff has since been instructed to handle requests for information about abortion like any other reference question, where they provide factual, sourced information and answer questions about the subject.

But some staffers remain uneasy.

"There are a lot of unknowns," White said. "We do not want to put our staff in any way in any danger of receiving civil liabilities under this law if we can prevent it. We also have an obligation to protect them and the organization from civil liability."



A man is evacuated Tuesday from an area near Mayskoye, in Crimea, following explosions at an ammunition storage site there. **VIKTOR KOROTAYEV/KOMMERSANT PUBLISHING HOUSE**

WAR IN UKRAINE

Ukrainian attack suspected as blasts rock Crimea depot

By Paul Byrne
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Explosions and fires ripped through an ammunition depot in Russian-occupied Crimea on Tuesday in the second suspected Ukrainian attack on the peninsula in just over a week, forcing the evacuation of more than 3,000 people.

Russia blamed the blasts in the village of Mayskoye on an "act of sabotage," without naming the perpetrators.

Separately, the Russian business newspaper Kommersant quoted residents as saying plumes of smoke also rose over an air base in Crimea's Gvardeyskoye.

Ukraine stopped short of claiming responsibility for any of the blasts, including those that destroyed nine Russian planes at another Crimean air base last week. Russia seized the Crimean Peninsula in 2014 and has used it to launch attacks against Ukraine in the war that began nearly six months ago.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy alluded to Ukrainian attacks

behind enemy lines when he included individuals "who oppose the occupiers in their rear" in a list of people he thanked for supporting the country's war effort.

In a video address Tuesday night, he also warned people not go near Russian military installations or ammunition and equipment storage sites.

In another reported act of sabotage, Russia's Tass news agency quoted the FSB security agency as saying Ukrainian operatives blew up six high-voltage transmission towers this month in Russia's Kursk region, close to Ukraine.

The Kremlin has demanded that Kyiv recognize Crimea as part of Russia as a condition for ending the fighting, while Ukraine has vowed to drive Moscow's forces from the peninsula.

In what may have been retaliation for the attacks in Crimea, Russian warplanes fired missiles at a military airfield in Zhytomyr, about 85 miles west of Kyiv, damaging a runway and vehicles, Ukrainian officials reported.

Crimea is a popular summer destination for Russian tourists, and Ukrainian officials warned Tuesday that it would not be spared the ravages of war.

"Crimea occupied by Russians is about warehouse explosions and a high risk of death for invaders and thieves," Ukrainian presidential adviser Mykhailo Podolyak said on Twitter.

In other developments: ■ A U.N.-chartered ship loaded with Ukrainian grain set out for the hunger-stricken Horn of Africa in the first such relief delivery of the war.

■ U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres plans to travel to Ukraine for a meeting Thursday in the western city of Lviv with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. They are expected to discuss the grain shipments and a possible fact-finding mission to the Russian-controlled Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant, which Russia and Ukraine have accused each other of shelling. Guterres will also visit Odesa on Friday.

FBI met with Trump lawyers about documents kept in Fla.

By Maggie Haberman
The New York Times

Pat Cipollone and Patrick Philbin, the White House counsel and his deputy under President Donald Trump, were interviewed by the FBI in connection with boxes of sensitive documents that were stored at Trump's residence in Florida after he left office, three people familiar with the matter said.

Cipollone and Philbin are the most senior people who worked for Trump who are known to have been interviewed by investigators after the National Archives referred the matter to the Justice Department this year.

Philbin was interviewed in the spring, according to two of the people familiar with the matter, as investigators reached out to members of Trump's circle to find out how 15 boxes of material — some of it marked as classified — made its way to his Mar-a-Lago resort in Palm Beach, Florida.

It was unclear when Cipollone was interviewed.

Cipollone and Philbin were Trump's representatives to deal with the National Archives.

The pair were named to the positions shortly before the president's term ended in January 2021.

At some point after National Archives officials realized they did not have Trump White House documents, which are required to be preserved under the Presidential Records Act, they contacted Philbin for help returning them.

A spokesperson for Philbin did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Philbin tried to help the National Archives retrieve the material, two of the people familiar with the discussions said.

But the former president repeatedly resisted entreat-



Pat Cipollone, left, and Patrick Philbin, lawyers under Donald Trump, met with the FBI. **HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE**

ies from his advisers.

"It's not theirs, it's mine," several advisers say Trump told them.

The former president returned 15 boxes of material to the National Archives in January, but the Justice Department issued a subpoena in May for documents that were still at his residence.

On June 3, counterintelligence officials with the Justice Department's national security division went to Mar-a-Lago to collect remaining documents with classified markings.

At that point, at least one Trump lawyer signed a statement saying material with the classified markings had been returned, according to four people familiar with the document.

But officials then used a subpoena to obtain surveillance footage of the hallway outside a storage room at Mar-a-Lago and saw something that alarmed them.

Officials also received information from at least one witness who indicated that more material might remain at the residence, people familiar with the investigation said.

Philbin is among eight people who currently or used to work for the former president who have been contacted by the FBI since a grand jury was formed this year. Investigators also interviewed Derek Lyons, a

former White House staff secretary.

Lyons' last day at the White House was Dec. 18, 2020, meaning he did not know how the last boxes were packed as Trump prepared to leave. But he had information about paper flow in the White House and how the former president handled material.

The FBI has reached out to about a half-dozen people who currently work for Trump and who might know what documents he may still have in his possession.

A property receipt unsealed Friday showed the FBI seized 11 sets of classified documents, with some not only marked top secret but also "sensitive compartmented information" — a special category meant to protect the nation's most important secrets that if revealed publicly could cause "exceptionally grave" damage to U.S. interests — on Aug. 8 at the former president's Florida estate.

On Monday, the Justice Department rebuffed efforts to make public the affidavit supporting the search warrant for Trump's estate in Florida, saying the investigation "implicates highly classified material" and the document contains sensitive information about witnesses.

The Associated Press contributed.

WORLD & NATION

NEWS BRIEFING

US: Drought-stricken states to get less water from Colorado River

From news services

SALT LAKE CITY — For the second consecutive year, Arizona and Nevada will face cuts in the amount of water they can draw from the Colorado River as the West endures an extreme drought, federal officials said Tuesday.

The cuts planned for 2023 will force states to make critical decisions about where to reduce consumption and whether to prioritize growing cities or agricultural areas. The cuts will also place state officials under renewed pressure to plan for a hotter, drier future and a growing population.

Mexico will also see cuts. “We are taking steps to protect the 40 million people who depend on the Colorado River for their lives and livelihoods,” said Camille Touton, commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation.

The river provides water across seven states and in Mexico and helps feed an agricultural industry valued at \$15 billion a year.

After putting last year’s burden on the agricultural industry, Arizona officials will have to decide whether to spread additional pain to growing cities that rely on the river. The cuts are based on a plan the seven states as well as Mexico signed in 2019 to help maintain reservoir levels.

Under that plan, the amount of water allocated to states depends on the water levels at Lake Mead. Last year, the lake fell low enough for the federal government to declare a first-ever water shortage in the region, triggering mandatory cuts for Arizona and Nevada as well as Mexico in 2022.

Officials expect the falling lake levels to trigger additional cuts to Nevada, Arizona and Mexico next year. States with higher

priority water rights are not expected to see cuts.

Nuclear secrets case: A Navy nuclear engineer and his wife withdrew their guilty pleas Tuesday in a case involving an alleged plot to sell secrets about American nuclear-powered warships after a federal judge rejected plea agreements that had called for specific sentencing guidelines.

Jonathan and Diana Toebe of Annapolis, Maryland, pleaded guilty in February in federal court in Martinsburg, West Virginia, to one count each of conspiracy to communicate restricted data.

The sentencing range agreed to by lawyers for Jonathan Toebe had called for a potential punishment between roughly 12 years and 17 years in prison. Prosecutors said Tuesday that such a sentence would be one of the most significant imposed in modern times under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954. Prosecutors also sought three years for Diana Toebe.

U.S. District Judge Gina Groh said that while she generally honors plea agreements, in this case she said the sentencing options were “strikingly deficient” considering the seriousness of the charges.

Prosecutors said Jonathan Toebe abused his access to top-secret government information and repeatedly sold details about the design elements and performance characteristics of Virginia-class submarines to someone he believed was a representative of a foreign government but who was actually an undercover FBI agent.

Diana Toebe, who was teaching at a private school in Maryland at the time of the couple’s arrest last October, was accused of acting as



Cranes remove a Soviet World War II replica tank Tuesday in Tallinn, Estonia. The T-34 replica sat atop a monument in Narva, located on the border with Russia. Estonia is dismantling any remaining Soviet-era symbols in the wake of Vladimir Putin’s invasion of Ukraine. Prime Minister Kaja Kallas said removing such symbols was needed to protect public order. **SERGEI GRITS/AP**

a lookout at several prearranged locations at which memory cards containing the secret information were left behind.

China sanctions: China imposed visa bans and other sanctions Tuesday on Taiwanese political figures as it raises pressure on the self-governing island and the U.S. in response to successive congressional visits.

The targets of China’s latest sanctions include Taiwan’s de facto ambassador to the U.S., Bi-khim Hsiao, and several legislators and an activist.

They will be barred from traveling to mainland China, Hong Kong and Macao, and from having any financial or personal connections with people and entities on the mainland, according to the ruling Communist Party’s Taiwan Work Office.

US, SKorea drills: The United States and South Korea will begin their biggest combined military training in years next

week in the face of an increasingly aggressive North Korea, which has been ramping up weapons tests and threats of nuclear conflict against Seoul and Washington, the South Korean military said Tuesday.

The drills will take place from Aug. 22 to Sept. 1 in South Korea and include field exercises involving aircraft, warships, tanks and potentially tens of thousands of troops. The drills underscore Washington and Seoul’s commitment to restore large-scale training after they canceled some of their regular drills and downsized others to computer simulations in recent years to create space for diplomacy with North Korea and because of COVID-19 concerns.

Iran nuclear talks: Iran said Tuesday that it submitted a “written response” to what has been described as a final roadmap to restore its tattered nuclear deal with world powers.

Iran’s state-run IRNA

news agency offered no details on the substance of its response, but suggested Tehran still wouldn’t take the European Union-mediated proposal, despite warnings there would be no more negotiations.

“The differences are on three issues, in which the United States has expressed its verbal flexibility in two cases, but it should be included in the text,” the IRNA report said. “The third issue is related to guaranteeing the continuation of (the deal), which depends on the realism of the United States.”

Tehran under hard-line President Ebrahim Raisi has repeatedly tried to blame Washington for the delay in reaching an accord.

Kenya election challenge: Opposition figure Raila Odinga said Tuesday that he would challenge the results of Kenya’s close presidential election with “all constitutional and legal options” after Deputy President


William Ruto was declared the winner.

East Africa’s most stable democracy now faces weeks of disputes and the possibility that the Supreme Court will order another election. Religious and other leaders have pleaded for calm to continue in a nation that already has a history of deadly post-election violence.

“Let no one take the law into their own hands,” Odinga said to his oft-passionate supporters.

Kenya’s electoral commission chairman declared Ruto the winner Monday with almost 50.5% of the votes. Four of the seven commissioners abruptly announced that they couldn’t support the results. Supporters of Odinga scuffled with the remaining commissioners at the venue where the announcement was made.

The president-elect has called the commissioners’ allegations a “sideshow” and said they had no effect on the declaration’s legality.



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KILLINGLY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mental health center remains an issue

Connecticut education department investigating rejection earlier this year of high school facility

By Ginny Monk
CT Mirror

Connecticut's growing youth mental health crisis is drawing increased attention around the state and, in many places, is spurring action.

Lawmakers called it the "defining issue" of the 2022 legislative session, passing three wide-ranging measures that would expand

access to and boost resources for children's mental health.

Some communities have also taken local steps to expand mental health services for children.

But when the small northeastern Connecticut community of Killingly was presented a proposal earlier this year for a grant-funded, school-based mental health center, the local board of education said no.

After the board voted 6-3 to

reject the proposal on March 16, concerned parents and residents filed a complaint against the board on April 5. Three days later, the board chair, Janice Joly, resigned.

The state Department of Education is now investigating whether voting down the proposal violated the "educational interest of the state."

Here's what you need to know:

What was the proposed mental health center at Killingly High School?

Last year, the Killingly Board

of Education asked Generations Family Health Center to submit a proposal to open a school-based mental center at Killingly High School. It would have offered behavioral health services to students.

Generations, a Willimantic-based health care provider, planned to staff it with therapists who work at a nearby school-based health center in Putnam. They would have come in part-time, three days a week to start until volume built and full-time therapists became necessary.

Referrals could come from parents, the school nurse or an outside health care provider. Students could have also self-referred.

Generations would have billed insurance, but students wouldn't have been charged outside of the insurance billing. And from first contact, "parental/guardian consent and involvement are initiated, and emphasized as crucial to successful treatment," according to a presentation from Generations.

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Abortion training expands

Under Connecticut's safe harbor law, more clinicians learning to perform procedure

By Jenna Carlesso
CT Mirror

On a recent weekday, a nurse midwife and an advanced practice registered nurse at Planned Parenthood of Southern New England sat hunched over two papayas on a medical table.

The APRN slid a long silver tool into one papaya. Nearby, Dr. Nancy Stanwood, the chief medical officer, observed the nurse's technique.

"That's 12 millimeters, so that should work," Stanwood said. "Most of the kits here, that is the biggest dilator."

The nurse removed the instrument and inserted a manual vacuum aspirator, a syringe-like device. Stanwood placed her hands on the papaya to hold it steady.

"Remember, put your fingers through the loop," Stanwood instructed. The nurse wrapped her fingers around the device's looped handle and pulled back, creating suction.

The two trainees were learning how to perform a vacuum aspiration abortion. Connecticut's General Assembly passed legislation in April allowing certain medical practitioners other than doctors to perform the procedure, a move meant to expand the abortion provider workforce.

The newly authorized providers include nurse midwives, physician assistants and advanced practice registered nurses. Gov. Ned Lamont signed the bill into law in May, and it took effect July 1.

At least 14 other states, including Oregon, Delaware, Maryland and Washington, allow advanced practice clinicians to perform abortions.

In Connecticut, people are waiting an average of two weeks to receive an aspiration abortion. Proponents of the bill said they hope the additional providers will help reduce that wait time.

"With such a time-sensitive procedure, two weeks is too long," said Rep. Jillian Gilchrest, D-West Hartford, a key supporter of the legislation. "My hope would be [that people could have the abortion] same day or next day. When someone is ready to have the procedure, it'd be great if they could get in and get it."

An aspiration abortion, also known as a suction abortion, uses suction to empty the uterus. It is usually performed during the first trimester and sometimes during the first couple of weeks of the second trimester (up until about 14 to 16 weeks after a person's last period). It is the most common type of in-clinic abortion, officials at Planned Parenthood said.

Data show that people overwhelmingly seek abortions in the earliest weeks of pregnancy. In 2019, abortions at nine weeks or less accounted for over 80% of abortions in Connecticut.

The new law took effect just days after the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, ending the constitutional right to an abortion after almost 50 years.

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The Eastern Pequot Archaeological Field School in North Stonington, which has documented thousands of years of Eastern Pequot history, is among 20 historic projects honored as "Game Changers" by Connecticut Explored. COURTESY CONNECTICUT EXPLORED

'Game Changers' herald lost stories

Twenty historic efforts will be highlighted in the coming months

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

Connecticut Explored, the nonprofit history magazine, wants to tell stories mainstream history left out, the stories from communities that have been unheard, suppressed or oppressed. The nonprofit has named 20 "Game Changers," modern-day historians whose methods and subjects go where traditional historians have not gone before.

"We're a history magazine. We want to tell the whole story of Connecticut history. We are motivated to include people who have not been included before and to represent the diversity of our state geographically an in terms of people and institutions," said Dr. Kathy Hermes, the magazine's executive director and publisher.



The Witness Stones Project to research and memorialize enslaved people is one of 20 projects in the state to be named "Game Changers" in historical research and inclusivity. COURANT FILE PHOTO

"They're doing new things and by virtue of doing new things they're getting the history that will be the future of the historical enterprise in Connecticut."

Each "Game Changer" — people, organizations, projects, a book — will be highlighted in free public programs in the coming

months. Each will get a feature in the magazine. A gala in October will celebrate their contributions to local lore.

Hermes said many honorees are telling "hard history. "Hard history makes people

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GLASTONBURY

Police increase staffing numbers

Wave of retirements leads to 4 additions, 9 officer promotions

By Stephen Underwood
Hartford Courant

It's been a busy month for the Glastonbury Police Department, as four new staff members joined the ranks and the department promoted nine officers at a ceremony last week. The promotions and new hires, aimed at rebuilding a department affected by retirements, come as a boost for a command staff that is now nearly at full capacity.

Two new police officers were sworn in earlier this month — McKenzie Bushnell and Jared Giuliano. Both will be leaving for the Connecticut police academy at the end of the month.

In addition, the department hired another public safety dispatcher — Richard Freebairn. Freebairn, a Connecticut native, also serves in the state's Army National Guard. The town also hired Lorna Dunlea-Churchill as a police clerk assigned to the Records Unit. Dunlea-Churchill previously worked in the town's human resources department.

On Friday, the department promoted nine of its existing officers from all different ranks, including agent up to lieutenant.

"It's a big deal for our officers," said Chief of Police Marshall Porter. "The process to promote is lengthy and it is something we consider very seriously. All of the promotions were well-earned."

Porter said about 35 of the department's employees, including more than half its sworn officers, were hired over the last four years with the average officer having six years of experience on the road.

"We're a young department," Porter said. "These officers are the future."

Promoted during last week's ceremony were:

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Dream Ride Experience returning

Farmington event later this month will benefit the Special Olympics

By Alison Cross
Hartford Courant

FARMINGTON — The Dream Ride Experience will return to Farmington this summer, welcoming thousands of motorcycle and car enthusiasts to celebrate people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Hosted by The Hometown Foundation, Inc., the fundraiser for the Special Olympics will run the weekend of Aug. 26-28 at the Farmington Polo Club. Highlights of this year's events include car and motorcycle shows and cruises, unified sports activities, and a visit from the New England Patriots cheerleaders.

Admission for the day starts at \$15, but Jenn McCulloch, the events and marketing coordinator for the Hometown Foundation,

Inc., said guests with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their chaperones attend for free.

"We really just try to spoil them through the weekend," McCulloch said. Along with swag bags and T-shirts, McCulloch said, these special guests, called Dream Riders, "get their admission for the weekend and their food for the weekend taken care of. ... They come in and they get treated like a VIP."

The Dream Ride Experience will also include the Paws for a Cause pet adoption expo, a firefighters chili cook-off, a police K-9 Challenge and demonstration, a fishing derby, live music, raffles, craft vendors, food trucks, mini-golf, swimming, inflatables and more family-friendly fun for the whole community.

The focal point of the experience is Saturday's Dream cruise, when Dream Riders sit passenger side in exotic or classic cars for a 12-mile police-escorted cruise through the Farmington Valley. At

the end of the procession, McCulloch said, the drivers drop Dream Riders off on a red carpet to kick off the weekend party.

"It's about the inclusivity and being able to give these kids and adults who face challenges every day something fun, something to look forward to, [and] something that's about them," McCulloch said. "The biggest goal for us that weekend is celebrating their accomplishments and everything that they've achieved."

The Dream Ride Experience started in 2001 with 12 motorcyclists taking to the road, motivated to "shed light on the countless abilities of the intellectually disabled community and highlight their determination in their daily lives," according to the event website.

This year, McCulloch said the foundation expects more than 1,000 motorcyclists to participate in the annual 40-mile police-escorted ride, including bikers from across New England and even a group from Florida.

McCulloch explained how special this event is for the auto enthusiasts and the Dream Riders, who come from all over the U.S. and abroad.

"We have Dream Riders who have been coming for years and they'll look for a specific biker who they've talked to in the past, and the biker remembers them. And it makes them both feel really special that they have been able to form this bond," McCulloch said. "It's humbling to share the blessings that many people have ... and use them to spread that joy and that happiness."

Information about purchasing tickets, competing, volunteering, donating, or entering a vehicle into a show or cruise, is available at www.dreamride.org. To join the event as a "Dream Rider," call 203-250-5661 or send a message online at dreamride.org/about/contact-us. All proceeds from the event will go to The Hometown Foundation, Inc.

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uncomfortable. It's not celebratory," she said. "The history of enslavement, of native conquest and oppression, stories about mental illness. It's stories of the immigrant experience that don't follow the pattern of, 'everybody is successful and did better than their father and grandfather.'"

The "Game Changers" initiative reflects a nationwide discussion about bringing more unheard stories — stories about race, gender, class, immigration, battles, mental health, land grabs — into education efforts.

"We have to face these uncomfortable truths. It's much more exciting in many ways than feel-good stories on Wikipedia, like biographies of gentlemen," Hermes said.

Fiona Vernal, associate professor of history and Africana Studies at UConn, headed up the committee that whittled 120 nominees down to 20 honorees.

Vernal said the committee wanted to recognize unheralded projects that not only told new historical stories, but also provoked discussion and invited community input.

"These people making Connecticut history more accessible and inclusive and are making a concerted effort to generate public dialogue and public engagement," Vernal said.

Honorees

Here is a list of the "Game Changers." For details and public programs, visit ctxexplored.org/game-changers/

New London's Black Heritage Trail was unveiled in October 2021 with a plaque honoring Adam Jackson, a man enslaved at the Hempsted House in the 18th century. The trail now has 15 plaques representing high and low points of the state's Black history, such as the pier where the Amistad was towed, the site of Frederick Douglass lectures and the site of an early 20th-century race riot. visitnewlondon.org/black-heritage-trail/.

Ocean Vuong's fictionalized memoir "On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous" tells a story of the Southeast Asian immigrant experience in Hartford in the late 20th century. The story addresses the traumatic after effects of the Vietnam War, LGBTQ and racial issues, domestic abuse, opiate addiction and illiteracy, as well as the experience of agricultural workers in the Connecticut Shade Tobacco fields in Windsor.

Elena Rosario is a Hartford native and public historian whose emphases are migration, identity formation and labor. Rosario is studying for her doctorate at University

of Michigan and is writing her dissertation about Puerto Rican migration and settlement to Connecticut from the 1940s to 1970s. While doing her research, she combines traditional archival studies with oral histories of community members.

"Connecticut in World War I" is a project launched in 2014, the war's centennial, by the Connecticut State Library. The project held public programs, art exhibits and an oral history project that digitized families' collections of WWI memorabilia and recorded stories of WWI memories. In 2019, 15 teens traveled to Seicheprey, France, to clear and restore trenches occupied by Connecticut soldiers. ctinworldwar1.org

Eastern Pequot Archaeological Field School in North Stonington is run by the Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation and UMass Boston's anthropology department. Studies by community members, professors and students have documented thousands of years of Eastern Pequot history. The philosophy of the project, as opposed to previous historical studies, is respect for the culture and sovereignty of the tribe. easternpequottribalnation.org.

Ethnic Heritage Center & Walk combines the work of five New Haven historical societies — Jewish, African American, Italian, Ukrainian and Irish — to preserve the stories of those communities, with archival material and oral histories. Their work has created four books and five self-guided tours of historical cultural districts in downtown, Wooster Square, Lower Dixwell, Downtown North and Grand Avenue. walknewhaven.org.

Pablo Delano, a professor of fine arts at Trinity College, published a book in 2021, "Hartford Seen," a collection of photos of the city. Rejecting what he called the "chamber of commerce aesthetic," Delano focuses on working-class homes and businesses, occupied by a series of residents over generations, some of them dilapidated, all reflecting the history of the city and its multiethnic communities. pablodelano.com.

Witness Stones Project began in Guilford in 2017, when teacher Dennis Culliton wanted to mark the history of enslaved people in his town. Culliton's program includes researching the lives, teaching their stories and erecting brass markers where the people lived, worked or worshipped. The project spread to New York, New Jersey and southern New England, including 39 Connecticut towns. witnessstonesproject.org

Student Activism to Enact PA 19-12 honors the youth who helped push legislation to require teaching of African American,

Black, Latinx and Puerto Rican history in public schools beginning with the 2021-22 school year. Activism was headed by Students for Educational Justice and Citywide Youth Coalition in New Haven, Hearing Youth Voices in New London, Connecticut Students for a DREAM and activist Benie N'sumbu.

Mary & Eliza Freeman Center for History and Community in Bridgeport honors two mixed-race sisters who were the center of a multiracial 19th-century community, Little Liberia. The only remains left of Little Liberia are the homes of the Freeman sisters, the oldest houses built by African Americans in the state. The homes were saved from demolition in 2009 and will be the site of a cultural center. freemancenterbpt.org.

Land Grab CT, based at UConn, is inspired by Land Grab U, a research project that collects data about the 1862 Morrill Act, which gave land to states to build universities, often taking that land from indigenous people. The project "aims to inform viewers about UConn's resulting participation in the construction of colonial systems of higher education," according to ctxexplored.org/land-grabct.org

Ancient Burying Ground Association is an alternative reading of Hartford's Ancient Burying Ground, at Main and Gold streets. People who died in Hartford between 1640 and the early 1800s are buried there, including many Africans, African Americans and Native Americans. Research on their lives is spotty. The Association seeks to find out as much as it can about them and post this information on africanativeburialscet.org.

Connecticut Historical Society is honored for its current exhibit, "Common Struggle, Individual Experience: An Exhibition About Mental Health." Vernal called the exhibit's historical focus "an important step in destigmatizing mental health." The society is also honored for the exhibits "A Brief History of Connecticut's LGBTQ Community" and "The Work Must Be Done: Women of Color and the Right to Vote." chs.org.

"On The Line: How Schooling, Housing, and Civil Rights Shaped Hartford and its Suburbs" is an open-access book being written by Jack Dougherty and contributors at Trinity College. It tells the story of how government officials, businesses and white residents worked for decades to distance themselves from people of color, and about coalitions fighting to erase the resulting inequalities. ontheline.trincoll.edu.

Hartford Heritage Project was launched in 2011 at Capital Community College in Hartford with a grant from National Endowment for the Humanities, to high-

light the untold stories to be found in the city. In 2021, the project launched the Black Heritage Project, to study the city's 19th century Black community centered on Talcott Street Congregational Church, which stood where the college is now. capitalcc.edu/hhp.

MLK in CT/Summers of Freedom is a project conducted in 2010 by Simsbury High School students and teacher Richard Curtiss, to research the visits to Simsbury by a youthful Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who worked in the town's tobacco fields. The project resulted in a documentary "Summers of Freedom: The Story of Martin Luther King, Jr. in Connecticut" and a memorial at the town library. The film can be seen at mlkinct.com.

Steve Harris & Charles Teale Sr. are retired Hartford firefighters who did extensive research on William Henry Jacklyn, who was Hartford's first Black firefighter, from 1898 to 1914. Harris and Teale also have researched other facets of Hartford's Black history and communities. Teale co-chaired the committee that created the Hartford Circus Fire Memorial and has written four biographies of local Black residents.

"Sisters" was a play produced in 2020 by the Keeler Tavern Museum & History Center in Ridgefield. The play, written by Royal Shirée, a Black woman, and Joanne Hudson, a white woman, told the story of Anna Resseguie, a white hotel owner, and Phillis DuBois, a Black woman who worked there in the 19th century. The Keeler is reinterpreting its storytelling to focus on inclusivity. keelertavernmuseum.org.

Steve Thornton founded the Shoeleather History Project in 2005. The project focuses on "Stories from Hartford's Grassroots," meaning stories about working-class men and women of all races whose lives are never mentioned in mainstream history books, from colonial times all the way to the COVID pandemic. Thornton has published book, conducted walking tours around the state and workshops. shoeleatherhistoryproject.com.

Hartford History Center, based at the Hartford Public Library, collects written, oral and photographic material on life in Hartford from the 1630s to the present. It creates programs that tap into and celebrate the city's multi-cultural communities and histories. Recent projects are Hartford barbershops, Hartford's hip hop history, multicultural communities making Hartford home and women's suffrage. hplct.org.

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New London man arrested in 2020 Groton shooting

By Mike Mavredakis
Hartford Courant

Groton police arrested a New London man in connection to a shooting during an altercation at a hookah lounge in October 2020.

The shooting occurred at the Midnight Hookah Lounge on Pleasant Valley Road South in Groton around 3:45 a.m. Oct. 4, 2020, according to the Groton Police Department.

Police responded to Lawrence + Memorial Hospital for a report of a man with a single gunshot wound to the arm. The victim, 27, was transported to the hospital in a vehicle, according to police.

Investigations into the shooting revealed Raashid Cox, 32, as a suspect, according to police. The Groton Police Department's Criminal Investigation Division secured an arrest warrant for the shooting. Cox was eventually located by the Department of Corrections Parole Division and placed into custody. He was served with the arrest warrant on Monday in New London Superior Court.

Cox was charged with first-degree assault, criminal possession of a firearm, criminal use of a weapon and first-degree reckless endangerment. He was held on a \$250,000 bond and arraigned in New London Superior Court.

Missing man found in suspicious-vehicle probe in Westbrook

By Mike Mavredakis
Hartford Courant

The Connecticut State Police charged a West Suffield man who had been reported missing with larceny and a DUI after he was found in Westbrook on Saturday.

Police responded to the report of a suspicious vehicle at a residence near Boston Post Road in Westbrook around 6 a.m. on Saturday. Responders were told a man had exited a blue Chrysler Pacifica that was parked partially obstructing the roadway and left the area. They stopped the man as he attempted to flee the scene on foot.

The man was identified as Peter Meehan, 26, who had been reported missing

earlier that morning. While investigating police learned that the minivan was taken from a nearby business.

Meehan was arrested and transported to Troop F. While taking him into custody, officers said they smelled a "strong odor of an alcoholic beverage" on him. He "did not perform to standard" when given a field sobriety test, police said.

Meehan was arrested and charged with first-degree larceny and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol/drugs, according to state police.

He was released on a \$1,000 cash/surety bond and is scheduled to appear in Middletown Superior Court on Aug. 26.

2 men injured in Hartford shootings

By Mike Mavredakis
Hartford Courant

Two men were injured in shootings in Hartford on Monday night, according to the Hartford Police Department.

Police first responded to a local hospital for a reported gunshot victim around 9 p.m. They met with the victim, a man in his 20s, who was alert and conscious.

It was determined he was shot near 435 Franklin Ave. Police found evidence of gunfire in the area.

The victim is listed in critical but stable condition,

according to the police. Less than an hour later, police responded to the area of Francis Avenue at Park Street for a ShotSpotter activation.

While on the scene, police said a man arrived for treatment of gunshot wounds at a local hospital. The victim, a man in his 40s, was suffering from non-life-threatening gunshot wounds, according to police.

Police are investigating both shootings.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Hartford Police Tip Line at 860-722-8477.

Abortion

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Abortion remains legal in Connecticut because of legislation passed in 1990 codifying Roe v. Wade into state statute.

In addition to helping reduce wait times for an abortion, supporters say the new law will broaden the workforce at a time when more people from out of state could be traveling to Connecticut for the procedure.

"We do anticipate more folks seeking aspiration abortion in the state of Connecticut from outside of the state," Gilchrist said. "I think anything we can do to reduce that wait time, and make it so aspiration abortion is more readily available, is important."

The two employees at Planned Parenthood practicing on papayas are part of the first wave of advanced practitioners in Connecticut now learning to perform aspiration abortions. Planned Parenthood of Southern New England will train two providers to begin with; officials there expect to educate more employees on the procedure in the coming months.

"I can't necessarily say

how many people we need to train. My goal is for us to have a robust workforce of physicians and clinicians who are ready, willing and able to provide care for people who need an aspiration abortion," Stanwood said. "If I trained 60, and each of them only did a few procedures a year, that's not a way to maintain skills. We don't want to over-train. But my goal is to have the workforce that we need, so patients don't have the current wait time that they do, which is really a pain point for us."

Stanwood hopes to reduce wait times to less than a week.

When officials at the organization put out a call for trainees, they received a wide response.

Planned Parenthood is using a training curriculum from the University of California, San Francisco. The instruction requires time in a classroom and in the clinic. The trainees typically perform the procedure 30 to 40 times with Stanwood nearby before continuing on their own.

Patients can choose if they want to be part of the training.

"We are being very clear with patients that we are doing training, explaining

what it's all about, and how safe it is. We're also giving them the opportunity and a safe space to say, 'You know, I don't think I want to be in the training,'" Stanwood said.

The organization has received inquiries from APRNs, nurse midwives and physician assistants outside of Planned Parenthood, asking whether it will also run training programs for people who don't work there. For now, Stanwood said, she's focused on educating Planned Parenthood workers.

"We have had interest from people who don't work for us at Planned Parenthood, who work somewhere else and say, 'Hey, can I sign up for this training?'" she said. "We're not holding an open school for people who don't work for us. Right now we are focusing on training our clinicians ... who will be an immediate part of our workforce."

Polly Moran, a nurse midwife with S.H.E Medical Associates, said she plans to train in aspiration abortions. Creating robust training programs for all of the advanced clinicians who want to learn the procedure should be a priority, she said.

Ongoing education programs could play a role.

"As midwives, we have a professional organization that meets four times a year. So that will be up for discussion: How do we access that training?" Moran said. "In for-profit ongoing educational programs, I think we'll begin to see that built in."

"Sometimes in an ongoing educational conference, there will be colposcopy training. You can go two days prior to the other larger workshops and just pay to learn how to do a colposcopy. I could see that being utilized for aspiration abortion."

Officials at Hartford GYN Center in Bloomfield, the only independent abortion provider in Connecticut, are planning to offer training not only to their own workers but also to advanced practice clinicians outside of their organization. They expect to begin training their own employees by the end of the summer and then broaden the program.

"We would like to position ourselves to do that for our internal providers and also to be a resource to build the abortion provider workforce," said Roxanne Sutocky, director of Community Engagement at The Women's Centers, which includes Hartford

GYN. "It's something we know is increasingly necessary, especially as states are going dark and abortion providers are having to close their doors. We're seeing an uptick in requests for training ... from advanced practice clinicians."

Some medical groups have raised concerns about providers other than doctors performing abortions. The Connecticut State Medical Society, testifying on the bill during the legislative session, said there could be "unintended consequences" to the measure.

"We head down the slippery slope to allowing those procedures that are in fact surgical to be done by mid-level providers, creating patient safety concerns and significant scope of practice issues," the organization testified.

But abortion providers maintain that it's safe for advanced practice clinicians to perform the procedure.

"If the doctor who is there hasn't had the training, they wouldn't be the right person to do it. Whereas if the advanced practice clinician who is there has all of the training, then they are the right person to do it," Stanwood said. "Just because you're a doctor doesn't mean you know how to do

this procedure. It's really not about what letters come after your name. It's about what training you've had. And our clinicians are going to get excellent training. We won't graduate them until they really are ready."

Proponents of the legislation say that allowing APRNs, nurse midwives and physician assistants to perform abortions will help with continuity of care. Patients who already see these providers will soon be able to have that same person perform an abortion if need be, rather than going to someone they've never met.

"I had a medication abortion and I went to my routine provider at Planned Parenthood to get that care. I found a lot of comfort in knowing that I already had this relationship with my provider," said Liz Gustafson, state director of Pro-Choice Connecticut. "I think if anything, this [new law] will allow more providers to meet their patients where they're at and offer them the same quality, compassionate care."

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El Pollo Guapo moving to Newington

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

El Pollo Guapo, the rotisserie-chicken restaurant that has been in Wethersfield for five years, announced on Facebook on Monday that it is relocating to a new location in Newington. A letter posted on elpolloguapo.com, signed by restaurant owners Heather and Roy Riedl, stated that the new owners of the building at 1866 Berlin Turnpike in Wethersfield were planning a development

that would be disruptive to business. “While we considered staying in this location for some time, we ultimately could not make the situation work while also being able to live through the build-out and maintain normalcy,” they wrote. The Reidls’ letter announced that they are moving to 1044 Main St. in Newington, “in the old Craftbird and Wings Over location.” Messages left with Craftbird Sandos and Tenders, which opened less than a year ago, were not immediately returned.

The Newington location will open in September. The Wethersfield location will close at the end of August. El Pollo Guapo started out as a food truck, Mercado, in 2014. The Wethersfield location was El Pollo Guapo’s brick-and-mortar flagship, opening in 2017. El Pollo Guapo also has locations at 26 Front St. in Hartford and 347 New London Turnpike in Glastonbury.

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El Pollo Guapo is moving from Wethersfield to Newington, planning a September opening. COURANT FILE PHOTO

‘Tempest,’ new stage launch return of Elm Shakespeare to Edgerton Park

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

New Haven’s Elm Shakespeare Company is launching its first full-scale summer production since the beginning of the pandemic. “The Tempest” opens Thursday and runs through Sept. 4 at Edgerton Park, where the state’s largest outdoor Shakespeare company has performed nearly every summer for more than a quarter of a century, drawing tens of thousands of people. “The Tempest” was actually the first outdoor summer production that the Elm Shakespeare Company did at Edgerton Park, in 1996, and then again in 2003, both under the leadership of the company’s founder James Andreassi. This third rendition will be directed by Rebecca Goodheart, who became the company’s artistic director in 2015. “In today’s world full of division and struggling with justice, this play offers hope,” Goodheart said in a statement. “How do we find a way through the unquestionable wrongs that others have done? How do we manage our own — often justified — anger and hurt? What must we do to settle the past, for our children to have a chance in the world? How do we find reconciliation?” The play, a literally turbulent tale of worlds and societies and families in crisis, with a natural disaster as a backdrop, has proven quite popular during the COVID era. It has many dark, scary moments, but also a lot of comic routines thanks to such fantastical characters as Ariel and Caliban. The Globe Theater in London and the Oregon Shakespeare Festival are among the many theaters that have chosen to perform “The Tempest” this year.



L. Peter Callender as Prospero and Sarah Bowles as Ariel in the Elm Shakespeare Company production of “The Tempest” in New Haven’s Edgerton Park through Sept. 4. STACEY STRANGE

The Connecticut-based movement and dance troupe Pilobolus is involved with a “Tempest” this fall presented by the Folger Shakespeare Library and Round House Theatre in Washington D.C., co-directed by the well-known playwright Aaron Posner and Teller of the magic team Penn & Teller and featuring an original music score by Tom Waits and Kathleen Brennan. Despite not being able to do its usual massive outdoor productions for two years, the company has not been dormant. Last summer, instead of the usual professional Shakespeare show, the company held a youth theater festival in Edgerton Park with several different young ensembles

doing revised contemporary versions of Shakespeare stories. The year before that, the company offered an array of virtual performances and talks that connected Shakespearean themes to current events. Elm Shakespeare returns to large-scale productions in a better place than it was a couple of years ago, thanks to a gift from Alexander Clark, CEO of the New Haven-based software development company Technolutions. After years of building lavish sprawling multilevel sets from scratch every year, the donation has allowed the company to create a grand new stage area that can be disassembled, stored and moved. There’s even the potential

to use the stage in other locations. The new structure, called the Alexander Clark Playhouse Stage, will debut with “The Tempest.” It consists of a subfloor, a large stage platform area and a multi-level building-like performance area. The new set-up will “allow us to be much more innovative,” said Liz Smith, Elm Shakespeare’s communications and public relations director. “The Tempest” by William Shakespeare will be performed through Sept. 4 at Edgerton Park, 75 Cliff St., New Haven. Performances are Tuesday through Sunday at 7:30 p.m. Free; suggested donation is \$25 for adults. elmshakespeare.org.

Hartford man gets prison for stealing car

Victim had son’s cremated remains inside the vehicle

Staff report A Hartford man was sentenced Monday to seven years in prison for committing a carjacking in 2018, according to federal authorities. Arno Smith, 60, also was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Michael P. Shea in Hartford to three years of supervised release, Federal authorities, citing court documents and statements made in court, said that about 11 p.m. July 26, 2018, Smith approached a woman who was in her car in a Hartford parking lot and “pressed what the woman believed to be a gun against her neck.” “Smith then grabbed the victim’s purse and the victim got out of the car,” authorities said in a statement. “Smith pointed the weapon at the victim, told her to walk away, and then drove away in the car. The cremated remains of the victim’s son were in the vehicle.” Smith later tried to use the victim’s credit card at two locations in Bristol, the statement said. Smith was in the victim’s car when he arrested on state charges on Sept. 20, 2018. The remains of the victim’s son where not in the car and have not been recovered, the statement said. Smith has been in custody since his arrest and he pleaded guilty to one count of Hobbs Act robbery on Oct. 6, 2020, the statement said. This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Violent Crimes Task Force and the Hartford, Bristol, Southington, Bloomfield, South Windsor, Windsor Locks, Farmington and West Hartford police departments.

Killingly

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In the presentation, the health center also said that they would never charge Killingly Public Schools for services. Why did Killingly students and teachers want it? Killingly educators and students have been clamoring for help to address what they say is a burgeoning mental health crisis. In a mental health nonprofit’s survey late last year of Killingly students from 7th to 12th grades, nearly 30% of the respondents reported that they’ve had thoughts about hurting themselves. And 14.7% had made suicide plans. In meetings in March and April, several students told the local board that they need mental health care. The students said they suffered traumas before the pandemic, then spent the last two years isolated from their friends and living through a global pandemic. In interviews with the CT Mirror, school staff told stories about students having anxiety attacks and needing to call 211 for mental health services for children as young as 8. Parents talked about their kids’ mental illnesses, suicide attempts and need for therapy. Students said they are hurting and don’t feel heard. The interviews with dozens

of people involved in the school district show a pattern: The kids are shouting for help, and they say the adults in charge haven’t given it to them. Why do some people oppose the mental health center? Conversations about the health center have been tinged by political rhetoric. Those opposed to it have had complaints more commonly raised by the political right: cancel culture, Hillary Clinton, abortion, gender identity. Some board members have wondered if a mental health center would infringe on parents’ rights, and others wonder if schools are the best place for mental health care. Democrat Lydia Rivera-Abrams, who voted against the center, said her vote hinged on her concern that children who don’t have individualized education plans won’t be able to get immediate help if they are in crisis. She doesn’t want them to have to wait for appointments if they need help now, she said. She’d also like to see more family therapy and parental involvement, she said. She proposed an alternative plan to the health center that would add new positions to the 2022-23 budget using the district’s non-lapsing account, intended for emergencies. But others — such as Norm Ferron, current board chair — said they were concerned that kids might get counseling about

“controversial topics.” “Basically, what is a stranger to the parents can be advising their child on any issue,” he said. “They might be giving them counseling directly opposed to the views of the parents.” What is happening in Killingly is not unique. In communities across the country, conservative parents and school board members have pushed back against school-based mental health supports such as social-emotional learning, saying they are a subversive way to sneak teachings on critical race theory and gender identity into public schools. How has the state of Connecticut gotten involved? On April 5, dozens of Killingly residents submitted a formal complaint to the state Department of Education, alleging the board had “failed to fulfill the education interest of the State of Connecticut by failing to provide the minimum services and supports necessary to deal with the social, emotional and mental health needs of the students of Killingly High School.” The educational interests of the state are described in Connecticut statute. They include, but aren’t limited to, that each child has an equal chance to get a “suitable program” of educational experiences, that each district finances educational programs at a reasonable level and that each district will provide the chance for students to

interact with students and teachers from other racial, ethnic and economic backgrounds. The complaint argues students’ mental health needs must be met for them to be able to learn. On April 11, the state agreed to investigate the issue, which is unusual. “You don’t see many of these happen,” said Eric Scoville, a Department of Education spokesman. “They only happen ... when there’s a lot of evidence that is provided.” What happens next? On Aug. 8, the state summoned members of the Killingly Board of Education and the superintendent to answer more questions about whether the board’s rejection of the grant-funded mental health center violated the state’s educational interests. In a letter to Killingly officials on Monday, the state Department of Education said “questions ... have arisen” after an “exhaustive and time-sensitive” review of a number of issues raised in the April complaint from parents that the board initially responded to in May. Among them: When Killingly applied for some federal grants, it said it planned to establish a “school-based health center” that would provide social and emotional support to students. The board later decided against creat-

ing a school-based health center, despite a \$3.2 million federal grant. The Department of Education wants to know more about how and why the board made that decision. The state also wants clarification on whether there’s sufficient funding for adding more staff to handle students’ mental health needs as an alternative to the health center. And the state questioned how many students the district had placed in out-of-district therapeutic programs “due to a determination that [the students’] needs warranted support beyond the capabilities of the District to provide.” The state offered four dates in late August as possibilities for the meeting. The newly hired attorney for the Killingly school board late last week requested a postponement of the meeting so she can review documents. The complainants’ attorney has objected to the request, documents show. After the investigation concludes, Commissioner Charlene Russell-Tucker will make a recommendation to the state Board of Education, either saying she doesn’t think there’s enough evidence to prove the allegation or recommending a remediation plan for the district to fix the problem, said Mike McKeon, Department of Education legal director, in a previous interview.

Police

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■ Anthony Pagliughi, promoted to lieutenant, is patrol commander and a nationally recognized accident reconstructionist. ■ Jason Adducci, also promoted to lieutenant, is investigations division commander, which includes responsibility for the youth unit, as well as personnel assigned to certain regional units.

■ Brandon Ritchie, promoted to sergeant, is assigned to the investigations division and plays a role in the Greater Hartford Regional Auto Theft Task Force. ■ Joseph Guerrero, promoted to sergeant, is in the patrol division. ■ David Goncalves, promoted to sergeant, is in the patrol division and has served in the investigations division and on a regional task force. ■ Peter Brander, promoted to agent, is an Army veteran who served overseas as a staff sergeant.

■ Danielle Verre, promoted to agent, is assigned to the patrol division. ■ John Cagianello, promoted to agent, will be assigned to patrol. ■ Sue-Ellen Jobes, promoted to agent, is a former East Haven police officer who moved to the Glastonbury department in 2018 and will be assigned to patrol. Porter said that being a police officer is not an easy job and there is a high level of expectation and trust the community places on the department. While many depart-

ments across the state face staffing shortages, Porter said that the department is expecting to hire two more officers soon to be fully staffed. “Let’s face it, these are tough times for police officers,” Porter said. “When I first started out, there use to be hundreds of applicants for a single position, that has since changed. But here in Glastonbury, we still have a very competitive application process. It’s a testament to our department and shows that officers want to come here because

of the high bar we set.” Porter also said that community support is another driver for the department’s success in landing top applicants. “We’re lucky,” Porter said. “We have tremendous community support. Our police department knows that and that has helped us do our job and hire the best applicants we can.” Stephen Underwood can be reached at sunderwood@courant.com.



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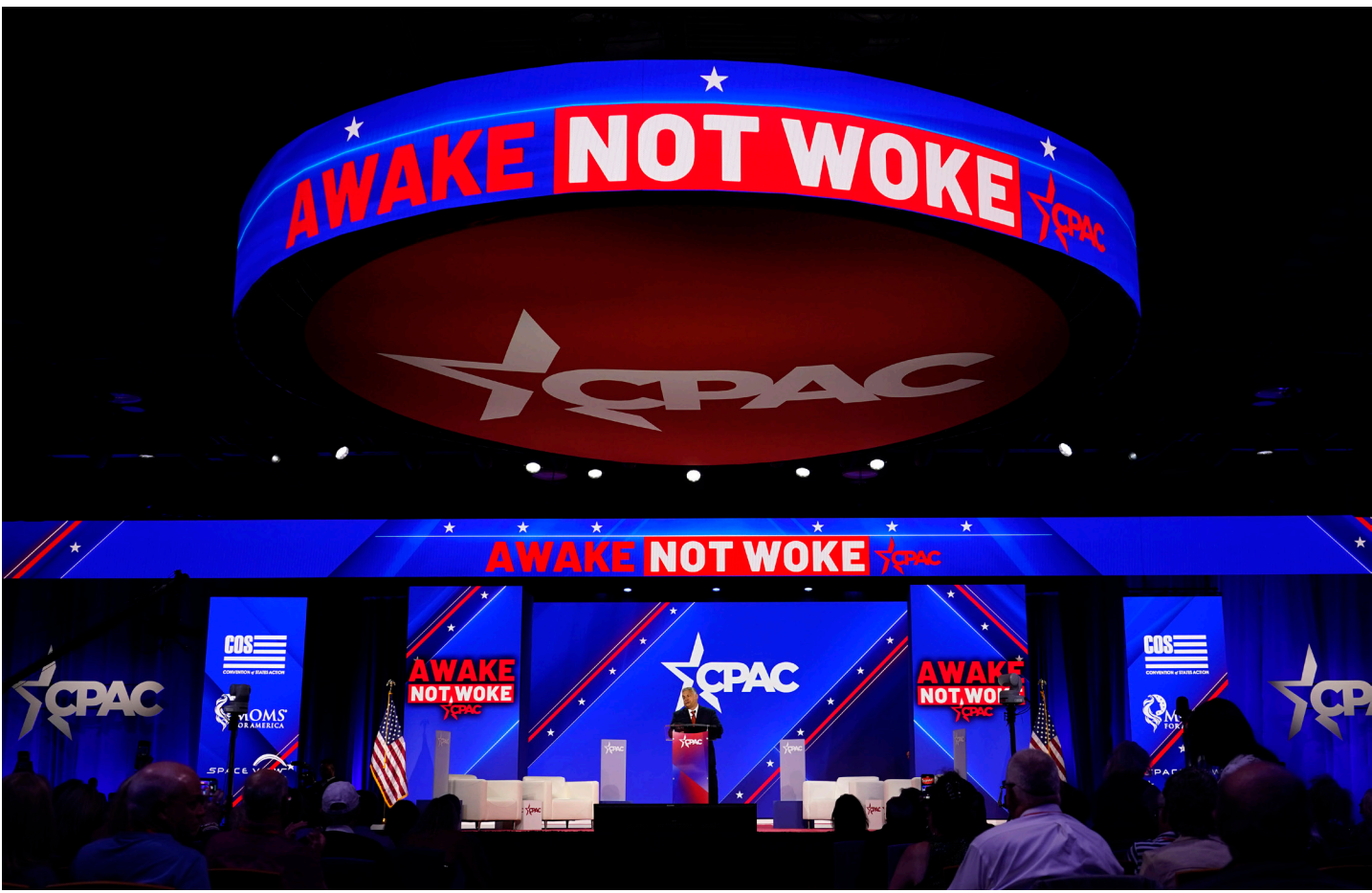
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The GOP’s environmental about-face



Paul Krugman

In 1990 Congress passed an amendment to the Clean Air Act of 1970, among other things taking action against acid rain, urban smog and ozone. The legislation was highly successful, greatly reducing pollution at far lower cost than business interest groups had predicted. I sometimes see people trying to use acid rain as an example of environmental alarmism — hey, it was a big issue in the 1980s, but now hardly anyone talks about it. But the reason we don’t talk about it is that policy largely solved the problem. What’s really striking from today’s perspective, however, is the fact that the 1990 legislation passed Congress with overwhelming, bipartisan majorities. Among those voting Yea was a first-term senator from Kentucky named Mitch McConnell. That was then. This is now: The Inflation Reduction Act — which, despite its name, is mainly a climate bill with a side helping of health reform — didn’t receive a single Republican vote. Now, the IRA isn’t a leftist plan to insert Big Government into everyone’s lives: It doesn’t coerce Americans into going green; it relies on subsidies to promote low-emission technologies, probably creating many new jobs. So why the scorched-earth GOP opposition? The immediate answer is that the Republican Party has turned strongly anti-environmental over time. But why? Surveys from the Pew Research Center show the widening partisan divide over environmental policy. In the 1990s self-identified Republicans and Democrats weren’t that different in their environmental views: Republicans were less likely than Democrats to say that we should do whatever it takes to protect the environment, more likely to say that environmental regulation hurts the economy, but the gaps were relatively modest. Since then, these gaps have widened into chasms, and not in a symmetrical way: Democrats have become somewhat more supportive of environmental action, but Republicans have become much less supportive. Most of the divergence has taken place since around 2008. I can’t help pointing out that Republican belief that environmental protection hurts the economy soared precisely during the period when



“Awake Not Woke” was a running theme at this month’s Conservative Political Action Conference in Dallas. **LM OTERO/AP**

revolutionary technological progress in renewable energy was making emissions reductions cheaper than ever before. Republican voters may be taking their cues from politicians and media figures. So why have conservative opinion leaders turned anti-environment? It’s not about belief in free markets and opposition to government intervention. One of the most striking aspects of recent energy disputes is the extent to which Republicans have tried to use the power of the state to promote polluting energy sources even when the private sector prefers alternatives. The Trump administration tried, unsuccessfully, to force electric utilities to keep burning coal even when other power sources were cheaper. Currently, as The New York Times has reported, many Republican state treasurers are trying to punish banks and other companies seeking to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. What about the cynical view that the GOP is simply in the pocket of fossil fuel interests? Obviously money talks, and contributions from coal and, to a lesser

extent, oil and gas do flow mainly to Republicans. But the Inflation Reduction Act — which will open many business opportunities — was endorsed by a number of large corporations, including energy companies such as BP and Shell. Republicans were unmoved. What has happened, I’d argue, is that environmental policy has been caught up in the culture war — which is, in turn, largely driven by issues of race and ethnicity. This, I suspect, is why the partisan divide on the environment widened so much after America elected its first Black president. One especially notable aspect of the Times’ investigative report on state treasurers’ punishing corporations seeking to limit greenhouse gas emissions is the way these officials condemn such corporations as “woke.” Wokeness normally means talking about racial and social justice. On the right — which is increasingly defined by attempts to limit the rights of Americans who aren’t straight white Christians — it has become a term of abuse. Teaching students about

the role of racism in American history is bad because it’s woke. But so, apparently, are many other things, like Cracker Barrel offering meatless sausage. This may not make much sense intellectually, but you can see how it works emotionally. Who tends to worry about the environment? Often, people who also worry about social justice — either that, or global elites. (Climate science is very much a global enterprise.) Even Republicans who have to know better won’t break with the party’s anti-science position. As governor of Massachusetts, Mitt Romney had a decent environmental record; yet he joined every other Republican member of Congress in voting against the IRA. What this means is that those people hoping for bipartisan efforts on climate are probably deluding themselves. Environmental protection is now part of the culture war, and neither policy details nor rational argument matters. *Krugman is a columnist for The New York Times.*

As seen with monkeypox, CDC continues to lead from behind



Ross Douthat

While we wait to learn more about how Donald Trump was using blueprints for the doomsday machine from “Dr. Strangelove” to impress his guests at Mar-a-Lago, let’s check in on America’s public health authorities. They were set free, 19 months ago, from Trump’s science-denying reign of error; presumably since then the rule of reason and competence has been restored. Sorry, I’m indulging in a little sarcasm. America’s response to COVID-19 went badly not just for Trump-related reasons, but because of problems inherent to our public health edifice, from bureaucratic sclerosis to the ideological capture of putatively neutral institutions. All those problems have extended themselves across the Biden presidency. I want to offer two examples. The first is the absurdity of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s at-long-last updated COVID-19 guidelines. In an ideal view of how expertise informs society, CDC guidelines would track the evolving nature of the pandemic closely and provide a road map back to normalcy. In reality, the CDC has been consistently behind — behind evolving scientific knowledge, behind the curve of COVID-19’s evolution, behind how most Americans have already adapted. Except, of course, in those institutions that still try to respect public health authority — like, say, the public schools that have been stuck trying to implement early-pandemic recommendations like the “6-foot rule,” or the “3 feet in masks in classrooms and 6 feet everywhere else” alternative, which the new guidelines jettisoned. The arbitrariness of those distances was widely understood even before the contagiousness of the delta variant made the rules still more absurd. Yet it’s taken a year, at least, for official science to finally catch up with the real thing. That lag is, at this point, more familiar than maddening. But it’s genuinely infuriating to see COVIDian patterns replaying with the broadly nonfatal but still-pretty-terrible monkeypox epidemic, which the Biden administration just officially declared a public health emergency.

If COVID-19 probably would have overwhelmed even the most effective public-health bureaucracy, monkeypox — which as of now is mostly spread through close human contact, especially sexual contact, and for which we already have a vaccine — offered a chance to replay the COVID-19 outbreak at a milder degree of difficulty. Yet the same kinds of bureaucratic failure were repeated — too little testing early on, too little interagency coordination, too little preparation for what should have been predictable challenges. And then along with these failures came an absurd ideological spectacle, in which health officials agonized about how to state the obvious — that monkeypox at present is primarily a threat to men who have sex with men — and whether to do anything to publicly discourage certain Dionysian festivities associated with Pride Month. As the suffer-no-fools writer Josh Barro has exhaustively chronicled, public health communication around monkeypox has been an orgy of euphemism and wokespeak, misleading and baffling if you don’t understand what isn’t being said. This, too, has repeated COVIDian failures. The political anxiety about saying or doing anything that might appear to stigmatize homosexuality mirrors the great public-health abdication to the George Floyd protests — in which a great many members of an expert community that had championed closures and lockdowns decided to torch their credibility by endorsing mass protests because the cause seemed too progressive to critique. In each case what has been thrown over is neutrality — the idea that public health treats risky behaviors equally, regardless of what form of expression they represent. In June 2020 and again in June 2022, the message from important parts of public health officialdom has been that the rules bind only some groups — Orthodox Jews holding funerals, say — while leaving others liberated if their political cause is just or the risk of stigma seems too high. And it’s worse news for the next crisis. Because speaking for myself — as a citizen with a personal interest in medical controversy — when I read the kind of blathering, newspeak-infused monkeypox advisories Barro highlights, all I can think is: I can never trust anything these people say again.

Douthat is a columnist for The New York Times.

Make no mistake, Biden isn’t FDR or even Obama

By Ramesh Ponnuru
Bloomberg Opinion

Democrats have every right to be pleased that they passed another big spending bill, but many are getting carried away. Long-time Democratic consultant Robert Shrum celebrated the push behind the passage of the so-called Inflation Reduction Act by tweeting, “Biden is the most legislatively successful President since LBJ.” Some credulous journalists are saying the same thing. And Republicans have no incentive to correct the record: So be it if voters who lean their way see President Joe Biden as a progressive juggernaut. The truth is less inspiring: Biden is the most legislatively successful president since Barack Obama. Progressive hopes crested when Biden got elected, and especially when special elections in Georgia gave Democrats a Senate majority to match the one in the House. Biden had a “breathtaking agenda” of “radical change,” George Packer wrote in the Atlantic: America was entering a “plastic moment” when the liberal dreams of a generation could be fulfilled. Once he became president, Biden held a meeting with historians that led to speculation that he could be another FDR. Among the items on the progressive to-do list were an expansion of the Supreme Court, statehood for places expected to vote for Democrats, a higher minimum wage, higher income tax rates on high earners, a federal overhaul of election law, amnesty for illegal immigrants, a ban on assault weapons, federal Medicaid funding for abortion, and measures to increase union membership. None of it has happened. When the New York Times endorsed Biden in 2020, the first two policies it mentioned in praising his “bold agenda” were his plans to create a government-run insurance option for middle-class Americans of working age and to lower the age of eligibility for Medicare to 60. Both, the Times cheered, would move us toward “universal health care.” Neither even made it to a vote. Instead, Biden has enacted subsidies to patch some holes in the last big move toward universal health care, Obamacare. This repair job on an Obama accomplishment is one of the major victories in the new spending bill that has Democrats so thrilled. Biden has certainly been a bigger spender than previous presidents. But Obama, in addition to spending a lot by the standards of the time, created a new enti-

tlement and massively expanded eligibility for an old one. Through Obamacare and the Dodd-Frank financial overhaul, he won major new regulatory authority for the federal government. Biden has achieved nothing comparable. There is one respect in which Biden’s legislative record is impressive: All of it has occurred with extremely narrow majorities in Congress. But the nature of these accomplishments cuts against the assumptions behind the next-FDR talk. The infrastructure bill, tweaks to gun regulations, subsidies for semiconductors: All of that came via bipartisan deals, which were supposed to be impossible, and without heavy involvement by Biden. But it also came after six years in which Democrats, particularly the most progressive ones, let their expectations run far ahead of reality. They considered Bernie Sanders’ strength in the 2016 Democratic primary as a sign of socialism’s surging popularity instead of Hillary Clinton’s weakness. They took the loudest and most mediagenic Democratic election winners of 2018, such as Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, as a portent. They took polls that seemed to suggest “Medicare for All” was a popular idea at face value, even though they gave that impression by glossing over key details. When Biden won, they credited his progressive platform more than his main message (I’m not Donald Trump). Then came Biden’s presidency. One initiative after another fell short: Raising the minimum wage didn’t even get a majority of the Senate. Measures expected to raise the Democrats’ popularity and pave the way for future triumphs, such as the “American Rescue Plan” they passed in February 2021, didn’t. Biden’s legislative wins have left the U.S. with a top income tax rate lower than the one we had for most of Bill Clinton’s presidency and half of Obama’s. Democrats just enacted a spending bill about a third the size of the provisional deal between Sens. Joe Manchin and Chuck Schumer in the summer of 2021 — which progressives torpedoed for being unacceptably small. Democrats are saying they have done fantastically well, even better than when they had unified control of the federal government in the Obama years. It’s not persuasive. But it may be the best means available for them to rationalize coming down to earth.

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OBITUARIES

Andriks, Steven Wayne



Steven Wayne ("Steve") Andriks, of Stuart, FL, went home to be with the Lord on August 11, 2022 after a long fight with dementia. Steve was born and raised in East Hartford, Connecticut, graduating from East Hartford High School in 1972. After working at the Coca Cola Bottling Company for a few years, he became a clerk in the Stock Transfer Department of Hartford National Bank. He met his wife Susan there in the summer of 1977. They married in 1979 and moved to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where Steve worked at Holy Cross Hospital, first in the collections area and then in the hospital's credit union. In 1987 Steve and Susan returned to New England, settling in Canterbury, New Hampshire in 1989. Steve worked again in hospital collections and then as a loan officer at New Hampshire Federal Credit Union. He retired in 2004. Steve enjoyed and shared his hobbies of photography and motorcycles with Susan. He and Susan could be seen cruising around the back roads of New Hampshire on their dualsport motorcycles, stopping to take pictures of the beautiful scenery. In 2016 they moved to Stuart, Florida for its sunshine and warmth. Steve will be remembered for his intense love of his wife, his sense of humor, friendly personality, intelligence and willingness to share his knowledge with family and friends. In addition to Susan, Steve is survived by his older siblings, Larry Andriks and Joyce Shipley, and numerous nieces and nephews. Steve was predeceased by his younger brother, Mark, and their parents, Larry C. Andriks and Helen (Lucas) Andriks. There will be no services. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Steve's memory to the Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration (www.theaftd.org) to help in the research of this disease.

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Colello, Mark Adam



Mark Adam Colello, beloved son, husband, father, brother and friend, met his Lord and Savior on Sunday, August 14, 2022. He was at his home, surrounded by the love of his family, after a valiant two-year battle with brain cancer that he faced with strong faith and positivity. Born in New Britain on February 12, 1965, Mark was one of two sons of Jerome P. (Jerry) Colello, Sr. and Sandra (Roncaioli) Colello. A lifelong resident of Plainville, Mark was a 1983 graduate of Plainville High School where he excelled in the pool as an all-state record setting diver. Upon completing his degree in exercise physiology, he returned to PHS as an energetic and effective diving coach, and worked as an exercise physiologist at the YMCA, where he met the love of his life, Yvonne, and later at Southington Care Center for over 14 years. He and Yvonne shared twenty years of marriage and raised two sons, all of whom share his passion for the Lord, sports and traveling. Mark was an ordained minister and most recently was the Recreation Director for Worthington Manor and other retirement communities throughout the state, where he enriched the lives of senior citizens with activities, his outgoing personality, story-telling and smile that could light up the room. A softball enthusiast, who traveled with his teams throughout the US, he also enjoyed the game of golf, bowling, fishing and any and all racket sports, as long as he was on the move. Remembered for his bright spirit, infectious energy and love for life, he will be greatly missed, leaving many cherished memories. In addition to his wife Yvonne and his parents, Jerry and Sandra, he leaves his sons, Shawn and Ethan; his brother, Jerome P. (Jerry) Colello, Jr. and his children, Robin Colello Maisonet and her husband Dymetric, Amber and Jacob Colello; his uncles, Joseph (Barbara) Colello, Donald (Mary) Colello, Gus (Diane) Roncaioli, and John (Michele) Roncaioli; his mother-in-law, Monika Egetenmeir; her children and extended family in Germany; and countless friends and clients. In lieu of flowers, any contributions received will be used for Mark's sons to further their education. Family and friends may gather on Friday August 19, 2022 from 5-7 p.m. at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. Prayers and words of remembrance led by Pastor Barry Brown will be shared at 7:00 p.m. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com



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Owens, Malcom

Malcom Ownes, 73, of Rockville passed away Mon. Aug. 15, 2022 at Hartford Hospital. He was born Aug. 22, 1948 in Lynch, KY to the late William Owens Jr. and Bessie Mae Noble. Malcom retired from both Amerbelle in Rockville and Stop & Shop in Vernon. Malcom loved to watch Western Movies and had a good sense of humor. He was predeceased by his brother, William Owens, Darrell Owens and Earl Owens; his sister, Marilyn McFarland. He is survived by his brothers; Rubard, and Thomas Owens; His sisters, Willa Stephens, Wanda Hill, and Lorna Owens. He was loved by many cousins, nieces and nephews as well as great nieces and nephews. Friends and extended family members may join the family on Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2022 from 2-4 pm at Burke-Fortin Funeral Home, 76 Prospect St, Rockville. Burial will be held privately. For online condolences please visit www.pietrasfuneralhome.com

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Cagenello, Donald



Donald Cagenello, 91, of Bloomfield, CT died peacefully on August 14, 2022. Donald was born on September 24, 1930 in Hartford, Connecticut to the late Salvatore and Elsie (Holtz) Cagenello. Donald met the love of his life, Maria Anna DelMastro at Weaver High School where he graduated in 1948. He joined the US Air Force after he earned his bachelor's degree from Hilliard College in 1952. He and Maria were married in June of 1953. He then became co-owner of Print Craft Corporation with his late brother, Robert Cagenello and late brother-in-law, Emilio Martocchio and later joined by his brother Brad Cagenello in the family business. Print Craft later grew into the Graphic Center Inc. Don loved to golf, swim and he and Maria enjoyed traveling, going to the horse races and casinos. They also enjoyed their year-round lake house on Otis Reservoir. Donald was an accomplished and talented musician and played the saxophone, clarinet, and piano. He began playing in a band at ten years old and after retiring he played saxophone for over 25 years at the senior center in New Britain. He is predeceased by his beloved wife, Maria Anna, his sister Delores and brother-in-law Emilio Martocchio, brother Robert and sister-in-law Mary Cagenello and his brother-in-law, Patsy DelMastro. He leaves his children and their spouses; daughter and son-in-law Donna and Doug Rose, daughter and son-in-law Monica and John Cyr, and son and daughter-in-law Chris and Annie Cagenello. His grandchildren, Brian and Polly Rose, Alex Rose, Michael and Julie Cyr, Sam Cagenello and Dallas Thayer and Tess Cagenello and her fiancé Randall Neago. His great-grandchildren Cora and Harlow Rose, and Austin and Walker Cyr. He will be missed by his brothers Bradley Cagenello and wife Dale and Bruce Cagenello and wife Dody, and his sister-in-law Kathryn DelMastro. He also leaves many nieces and nephews, friends and care givers. His sense of humor, his wisdom, and his love of family will be sorely missed but we pray that his memory will live on as a source of strength and kindness. Funeral services will be Friday, August 19, 2022, with a mass of Christian Burial celebrated at 10:00 a.m. at St Peter Claver Church, 47 Pleasant Street, West Hartford. Everyone is asked to meet directly at the church. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford, CT. Donald's family will receive relatives and friends during calling hours on Thursday, August 18, 2022, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave (at the Trout Brook Road intersection) West Hartford, CT. In lieu of flowers and to honor Donald, the family requests your consideration of a donation made to the Covenant House, 461 Eighth Ave., New York, NY 10001. For online expressions of sympathy to the family, please visit www.molloyfuneralhome.com.

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Cohen, Norman



Norman Cohen, 92, of Bloomfield passed away on August 15, 2022 at St. Francis Hospital. Norman was the beloved husband and soul-mate of Dorothy. They shared 68 years of true marital bliss, united in their love for each other, their four children, grandchildren and great-grandsons. Born in Hartford to Ted and Ida Cohen, Norman attended Weaver High School, graduating in 1947. He joined his father in the family business, Connecticut Auto Body. He enlisted in the National Guard and when the Korean War broke out, his unit was federalized and he became a Sergeant in the Army, stationed in Germany. He met the love of his life, Dorothy Taslitt, in 1953. They were married that year, eventually settling in Bloomfield. Norman was the epitome of a perfect husband and father, a role model for the ages. His children never saw their parents argue or raise their voices to each other. He always treated everyone with respect and was greatly respected by everyone who was fortunate enough to know him. He formed a national credit union, ASAFUCU in 1973, although he had been told a national credit union couldn't be done. He, with Dorothy by his side, made it into a huge success. He and Dorothy traveled extensively as they built the business. They felt they could tackle anything, as long as they were in it together! The credit union still operates today. He started his next successful business in 1983, heading a chapter of the wealth management business, Money Concepts. He retired in 2007. Norman was very involved in his community. He was a Past Master of Level Lodge 137. He dedicated countless hours to the organization. He was a fantastic cook. He taught himself to make gourmet meals, thrilling the family with his homemade pasta, lasagna and chicken piccata. He shared his culinary prowess with the lucky attendees to his monthly "schmooze and lunch", at Beth Hillel Synagogue in Bloomfield. He recruited engaging speakers for people to enjoy. He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, Dorothy, and their children: Bruce [Naomi] Cohen, Michael [Lisa] Cohen, Susan [David] Gibeley, and Elise [Steven] Levin. He also leaves a brother, Arnold Cohen. Norman also leaves behind grandchildren: Rachel, Sarah, Nathan, Melissa, Abigail, Emily, Allison, and Samantha and great-grandsons, Ethan and Noah. He was predeceased by his brother, Paul. Funeral services with Rabbi Yitzchok Adler officiating will be held graveside at noon at Beth Hillel Cemetery in East Granby. Shiva will be observed at the home of Susan Gibeley 151 Griswold Drive, West Hartford immediately following the funeral until 4 PM and resuming again at 7. PM. Calling hours on Thursday will be 2-4 PM, and resuming again at 7 PM. Calling hours Friday, Sunday and Monday, will be 2-4 PM. Donations may be made to Beth David Synagogue or a charity of your choosing.

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Smith, Jr., General



General Smith, Jr., 79, of Bloomfield, CT, was called home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, August 10, 2022. General was born on April 4, 1943, to the late General Smith, Sr. and Annie L. Thurman-Smith in Gray, GA. A celebration of General's life will take place on Friday, August 19, 2022, at 11:00am with a visitation from 10:00am – 11:00am at Bethel A.M.E. Church, 1154 Blue Hills Avenue, Bloomfield, CT 06002. Interment will be held at Mount Saint Benedict Cemetery, 1 Cottage Grove Road, Bloomfield, CT 06002. To leave a message of comfort for the Smith family and view the full obituary, please visit, www.hkhfuneralservices.com



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DUMAS, Stamatia "Stem" (Stamos)



Stamatia "Stem" Dumas, 89, beloved wife of the late Constantine "Gus" Dumas, passed away at home on Saturday, August 13, 2022. Born in 1932 in the small village of Sianna, at the center of the island of Rhodes in Greece, she was the first daughter of the late Andrew and Evdokia Stamos. When she was five years old, she immigrated to the US with her family, arriving at Ellis Island in New York City and settling in Hartford, CT. Stem graduated from Bulkeley High School in 1950. She loved to read and worked part time at the Campfield Avenue branch of the Hartford Public Library. While her parents did not plan for her to attend college - Stem's supervisor at the library visited their home and convinced her parents to allow her to attend college. She continued her education at Bay Path Junior College, graduating in 1952. Stem started her employment as a legal secretary at Aetna, took a break to start her family and then worked for the State of Connecticut Housing Department as a Senior Secretary, which she loved and where she made many lifelong friends. Stem was known to be an organized and efficient employee who tended to take charge, sometimes being known as the 'defacto boss.' Stem had many interests, most especially, knitting, crafting and puzzles of all kinds and was a dedicated member of the Ladies Philoptochos Society at St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Hartford. Stem and Gus settled in Wethersfield in 1962 to raise three daughters and a son. Family activities were a highlight of their lives including vacations at Cape Cod, Greek Dances and celebrating all holidays together. Attendance at Sunday dinners was mandatory, but they were always filled with good food and fun. Stem is survived by her daughters, Pandora Wohler, and her husband John, Dana Sullivan, and her husband Timothy, and son Theodore Dumas, and his wife Nhu. Her favorite and most fulfilling role was Yiayia to her grandchildren - Diana (husband Andrey Dolinko), Alex (fiance Jamey Kent), Brianna (husband Tyler Violano), Tori Wohler, Kelsey Sullivan, Andrew John "AJ" and Serena Console, and Siana and Isla Dumas. She also leaves a special light of her life, her great-grandson, Jacob Dolinko, along with her sister Sylvia Stamos and her sister-in-law Mary Gamilis and several loving nieces. She was predeceased by her husband, Gus, and her daughter, Vanessa. Stem had many friends who loved her sense of humor, loyalty and her occasional sassiness. She will be especially missed by Delores "Dee" Laurito, with whom she shared over 40 years of shenanigans, laughter and tears. Special thanks to her neighbors Bob and Chris Hughes for their care and generous love. Funeral services will be held Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 11:00 am at St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 433 Fairfield Ave., Hartford, CT. Calling hours will be at the Cathedral immediately prior to the service from 9:00 - 11:00 am. Burial will follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery, 453 Fairfield Ave, Hartford, CT. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Warm Up America! www.warmupamerica.org. or The National Alliance on Mental Illness www.nami.org. For online expressions of sympathy to the family, please visit www.desopofuneralchapel.com



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Greco, Peter Anthony



Peter Anthony Greco, 94, of East Hartford, died peacefully on Saturday, August 13, 2022, at Vernon Manor in Vernon, CT. He was born in Mt. Vernon, NY on March 19, 1928, son of the late Michael and Antionette (Isille) Greco. The family later moved to Hartford and eventually settled in Windsor, CT. He proudly served with the Merchant Marines during WWII and with the Army during the Korean War. Upon returning from service, he worked for several years at Lockheed Aircraft in both California and Ankara, Turkey. He returned to the US in 1965, going into business as co-owner of Griffing TV & Appliance in Windsor, CT. He then spent 17 years with United Technologies as an Electronics Technician. After retiring from UTC, he enjoyed many years driving for Enterprise Rent-A-Car. As a result of his love for all things electronic, he successfully built an electric car in 1982 which he would drive to work at UTC. He leaves his children, Kristina Suppich and her husband Michael of South Windsor, Kevin Greco of Vernon, Alyssa Lynch and her husband Robert of Manchester, and Derek Greco and his wife Angela of Greenville, SC; his sister Francesca Bednarz of East Hartford, his brother John Greco of Windsor; and six grandchildren whom he adored: Zachary, Samantha, Carson, Kaitlyn, Karly, and Ella. He also leaves several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his two sisters, Josephine Houseworth and Mary Lynch. The family would like to thank Katrina Cushman for all her help over the past three years. Funeral services are private at the request of the family. Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home in South Windsor has care of the arrangements. For online condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Holland, Thelma N.

Thelma N. Holland, 85, of Enfield passed away on August 15th after a brief hospitalization. Born in West Suffield in 1936, she was the daughter of the late Elwyn and Norma (Sponagle) Noble. Thelma was the widow of John M. Holland with whom she was married for 63 years. Thelma graduated from Suffield High School and then Springfield College. She was recreation director of Kimberly Hall South in Windsor until she retired. Thelma is survived by her children John M. Holland II and Deborah J. Holland as well as her wife Diane. She leaves grandchildren James, Ben, and apple of her eye, Elizabeth N. Thelma is survived by sisters Sandra Gnecco (her twin) and Norma Noyes, sisters-in-law Florence Noble and Marilyn Allen as well as numerous nephews and nieces. She was predeceased by siblings Barbara Distefano, Elwyn, Norman and Patricia Noble. She was rightfully proud of her garden and was a very competitive bowler. Thelma cheered mightily for the Red Sox and UConn basketball teams, especially the women. A private memorial service will be held at West Suffield Cemetery on August 20th. Donations in her name can be made to the Suffield Historical Society, P.O. Box 893, Suffield, CT 06078.

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Handel, Irma



Irma Handel died on August 4th, 2022 after 87 wonderful years. She passed away peacefully at home with her loving family beside her. Born in Queens, New York, the youngest daughter of Anne & Aaron Ruby, Irma graduated from Forest Hills HS where she met Mort, beginning a romance that would last for over 70 years. After earning a degree from Queens College, Irma and Mort were married and Irma began a career in teaching, but soon choose to devote her life to raising a family. Dedicated to her three children and her husband, Irma was the backbone and the compass that encouraged and enabled them to all succeed, instilling in them a sense of morality and fairness that still guides them, as well as set the course for her four grandchildren. Irma spent years supporting her family and pursuing her hobbies and other interests in Huntington, New York and West Hartford, Connecticut. She inherited a love of photography from her father Aaron, who had a darkroom in their Kew Gardens Hills basement. Irma was always with her camera, capturing images on trips around the world and around town. Mort and Irma travelled extensively, with pictures of everything that caught her eye - from Alaska to China to her local supermarket - residing in her albums and in the homes of those she loved. Irma and her husband, Mort, were a family who gave back to their community, supporting with their time and financial resources the Jewish Federations in Hartford, CT and Palm Beach County Florida, and with support to the Jewish Children's Service Organization, Jewish Community Health, Jewish Family Services and JARC. Irma's commitment to education bore full fruit when she and her husband became sponsors of the Say Yes To Education program in Hartford, CT. The Handel's and two other families guaranteed the college education of the entire fifth grade class of 76 black and Latino children at the Annie Fisher Elementary School. The program lasted more than 13 years with nearly all of the children graduating with college degrees. During this same period Irma was a board member of the Hartford Art School at the University of Hartford. Her love of photography, music, and art led to contributions that endowed a photo studio and an annual scholarship for students in the graphic arts program, and with her husband Mort, they provided a gift enabling the University of Hartford to establish the Mort and Irma Handel Performing Arts Center as part of the Hartt School. Irma is survived by her husband and three children; Mark, his husband, Bill, Gary, his wife Alla, Karen Baker and her husband Mike. She will be missed by her four grandchildren - Emily & Drew Baker, and Kira & Alice Handel, as well as several nieces and nephews. Her sisters, Norma Sorrel and Selma Lichten predeceased her. Irma lived a full life, filled by the love of her husband, children, and grandchildren. She will be missed by many. Contributions can be made to Alzheimers Foundation of America located at 322 8th Avenue, New York City, NY 10001

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Mierzejewski, William A.



William A. Mierzejewski, 86, of Portland, beloved husband of 57 years to Noreen (Connelly) Mierzejewski, died Saturday, August 13, 2022 at Middlesex Hospital. Bill was born in Middletown son of the late William J. Mierzejewski and Phyllis (Hull) Bryan, along with step-mother Allegra. Prior to his retirement, Bill was employed as a Book Binder for Mueller Trade Bindery for 28 years. He was a dedicated volunteer at the Portland Food Bank, Meals on Wheels, the Middlesex Hospital Hospice Ward, and was a Communicant of Saint Mary Church in Portland. Bill also leaves a daughter, Catherine Williams and husband Ken of Delaware, two sons, Mark Mierzejewski and wife Jenny of Berlin, William P. Mierzejewski and partner Maricel of California, two grandchildren, Hope Williams and Luke Mierzejewski, two sisters, Jeanne Bolstridge of Middletown, Janice Mierzejewski of Middletown, and many nieces and nephews. A life-long fan of the Boston Red Sox and New York Giants, in his glory days he excelled in football and basketball at Middletown High School. In his spare time, he was an avid reader, and enjoyed softball, golf, and bowling. A Funeral Liturgy will be held Friday, August 19th at 10:30 a.m. at Saint Mary Church, 51 Freestone Ave., Portland. Burial will be held in Saint John's Cemetery, Middletown. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to: Portland Food Bank, P.O. Box 71, Portland CT 06480. To share memories or express condolences online please visit www.biegafuneralhome.com.

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Seymour, Col. H. Kenneth



H. Kenneth Seymour, age 85, of Hernando, Florida died on August 7, 2022 while at Grand Living At Citrus Hills in Hernando, FL. Born on August 20, 1936 in Ballston Spa, NY to Luella (Barnes) and Harold A. Seymour. COL Seymour retired from the U.S. Army also serving in the Marines and Air Force from 1953-1991. During his military career he was awarded the Legion of Merit, Soldiers Medal, Bronze Star Medal (2), Meritorious Service Medal (3), Army Commendation Medal (2) and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry as well as other awards. He earned a BS from the University of Nebraska in 1972 and a Masters Degree from the University of Hartford in 1977. A Life Member of the VVA, VFW, American Legion, DAV, Association of the U.S. Army, Third Marine Division Association, Marine Corp League, Society of the Big Red One and a member of the 585th Engineer Company Association. A 4th Degree Knight and a member of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Inverness, Florida. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother Charles Seymour of Enfield, CT. Survived by two sons Kenneth Seymour (Mary Ellen) of Hernando, FL, and Christopher Seymour (Danielle) of Oakland, FL, two grandchildren, Kenneth Alan Seymour and Hailey Madison Seymour. Family will be receiving friends on August 19, 2022 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Brown Funeral Home in Lecanto, FL. Mass will be offered at 10:00 a.m. on August 20, 2022 at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Inverness, FL. Burial will be at the Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia at a later date where full military honors will be given.

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Boga, Jeffrey



Jeffrey E. Boga, 59, of Southington, passed away suddenly on Sunday, August 14, 2022 at HOCC at Bradley. He had been the loving husband of KellyAnn Boga for nearly 15 years. Jeff was born on May 26, 1963 to the late Edward and Martha (Arszyla) Boga and had been a lifelong Southington resident. Jeff was the owner/operator of D. F. Arszyla Well Drilling, Inc. He enjoyed scuba diving, fishing, traveling and riding his motorcycle. In addition to his wife Kelly, he is survived by his sister Donna Boga of Southington, his mother-in-law, Maureen Bailey and a loving extended family, including cousins and many friends. He also leaves behind his dogs, Eddie and Martie. Jeffrey was predeceased by his uncles, Domenic F. Arszyla and Kaszmer J. Arszyla Sr. and aunts, Anna Arszyla, Mary Arszyla, Monica Carroll, Elizabeth Homnack and Irene Denya. In lieu of flowers, donations in Jeffrey's memory may be made to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, NY 10306. Funeral services will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, August 19, 2022 from the Plantsville Funeral Home, 975 S. Main St, Plantsville with a 10:00 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at the Immaculate Conception Church, 130 Summer St, Southington. Burial will follow in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Southington. Calling hours will be held from 4-8 p.m. on Thursday, August 18, 2022 at the Plantsville Funeral Home. For online condolences and directions, please visit www.plantsvillefuneralhome.com.

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Kosich, Francis X.



Francis "Frank" X. Kosich, 65, of New Britain, passed away unexpectedly Saturday August 13, 2022 at his home. Born in Philadelphia, PA, he has lived in New Britain since 2006. A graduate of Archbishop Ryan High School in Philadelphia, he graduated from Temple University, received his Masters Degree from Webster University and was also a graduate of the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, PA. Frank, an Iraqi War veteran and proud Airborne Jumpmaster, retired after a 30-year career as a Colonel from the U.S. Army. In his free time, he enjoyed playing golf, reading, traveling, spending time with his family and watching the Philadelphia Eagles. Frank was predeceased by his parents, Francis J. Kosich and Teresa (O'Neill) Kosich. Surviving are two sons, Francis Kosich II and his wife Jennifer of Watertown, CT; and Joseph Kosich currently of Kissimmee, FL; a daughter, Kristen "Krispy" Kosich of New York City; two brothers, Joseph Kosich and his wife Theresa of South Hampton, PA; and John Kosich and his wife Stacey of Shaker Heights, OH; two sisters, Teresa Fitzpatrick and her husband Kevin of Doylestown, PA; and Mary Connelly and her husband Bill of Feasterville, PA; and two grandchildren, Sullivan and Estelle Kosich. In addition, his former wife and close friend Laurie Kosich, brother-in-law Joseph Calvo and his wife Tracey; and sister-in-law Joan Gialluca and her husband Bill, and many nieces and nephews. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday, August 19th, 10:30 AM at St. Ann Church of St. Joachim Parish, North Street, New Britain. Please go DIRECTLY to the church for the mass. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery, New Britain. Calling hours are Thursday August 18th, from 4 to 7 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, or to the New Britain Pound Pals in honor of Frank's dog Roxy. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com



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Stanton, Patrick W.



Patrick W. Stanton, 67, of Bloomfield, beloved husband of June (Kleinschmidt) Stanton, passed away at home on Sunday, August 14, 2022. Patrick was born in Williamstown, MA on December 24, 1954 and was the son of the late Francis and Lila (Rosenberg) Stanton. He was raised in Williamstown, MA and later graduated from MT Greylock Regional High School in 1972, he received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Vermont in 1977. Patrick met and married June and together they lived in West Hartford and later moved to Bloomfield. Patrick worked in IT at the following companies throughout his career, Cigna, Lincoln Financial, Hartford Hospital and before his retirement he taught mathematics at MT Greylock Regional HS for five years. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Waterbury, CT. He enjoyed golf, watching the Red Sox's and Patriots and made his own wine. In addition to his wife of 40 years, Patrick is survived by his son Andrew Stanton and his wife Erin of West Simsbury, CT; "the love of his life" grandson Liam; his sister Luanne Rose of Adams, MA; nephew Matthew Rose; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Patrick's Memorial Service will be held this Friday, August 19, 2022 at 11 AM at St. John Lutheran Church, 503 Chase Pkwy, Waterbury, CT. Burial will be private. Funk Funeral Home, 35 Bellevue Ave., Bristol has the honor of serving the family. There are no calling hours. Please visit Patrick's memorial web-site at www.FunkFuneralHome.com



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Zoccoli, Ada



Ada E. (Taylor) Zoccoli, 91 of Bristol, passed away surrounded by her family on Saturday, August 13, 2022 at the Pines in Bristol. She was the wife of the late James V. Zoccoli, Sr., who predeceased her in 1988 after forty years of marriage. Born in Yonkers, NY on February 2, 1931, Ada was the youngest of three daughters to the late Joseph and Ida (Buffalo) Taylor. Raised and educated in New Britain, she retired from Stanley Works after 26 years of hard work and dedication, where she made many dear friends who were like family to her. After raising their four children, she and James settled in Bristol and were longtime communicants of St. Matthew Church. Ada was a loving mother and Nonni who enjoyed life's simple pleasures; dining out, cheering on the Boston Red Sox, playing cards, BINGO and taking trips to the casino. Above all, she looked forward to each Sunday under the apple tree at her son Jimmy's where she was surrounded by those dearest to her. She will be missed dearly and remembered fondly for her strong will, independence and love for her family. She is survived by her children, Rose Zoccoli, Nancy Perry, James V. Zoccoli, Jr., and John Zoccoli and his wife, Janet; her grandchildren, Michelle LaRose, Andrea Crowley, Jodi VanNostrand and her husband William, Jennifer Barrett and her husband Greg, and Kim Keegan and her husband Paul; nine great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her sisters, Catherine Palmisano and Barbara Unghire and her son-in-law, Blaine Perry. Ada's family extends their gratitude to her nurses at the Pines, Sally, Kim and the recreations director Donna, for the exceptional care and compassion shown to all of them during her four year residency. Funeral services in celebration of Ada's life will be held on Thursday at 9 a.m. from Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at St. Matthew Church, 120 Church Ave. Forestville. Committal will follow at St. Mary Cemetery, New Britain. Family and friends may gather at the funeral home on Wednesday evening from 6-8 p.m. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit Ada's tribute page at www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com



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Mack, Dr. Gerald R.



It is with sadness that family and friends say goodbye and yet with deep gratitude for a life shared. Dr. Gerald R. Mack was born July 7, 1928 and died August 3, 2022. He was blessed to have been able to dedicate his life to his passion for music forming an expansive and brilliant career. Although he played the violin at age 7 at the Eastman School of Music, the clarinet in an army band and the piano, the instrument he found the most beautiful and intimate is the voice. Wherever he went, Gerry brought voices together to sing. His achievements in choral music are “breathtaking.” He will truly be missed by all who knew him. He is survived by Nancy, his wife of 52 years, his children Jonathan Mack, Gregory Mack, Heather Mack, Todd Mack, Robin Costa, and six grandchildren.

Gerry adored his wife and his children; they recall his sense of humor and play and the chaos of organizing for trips or special projects, but strong emotional ties and his caring conversations touched them all. His children could always seek his advice and counsel. The early riser in the family was scooped up on Sundays to go out for breakfast or a bagel and the newspaper, which always involved supportive talks. His love of people extended beyond his family. Gerry would engage with anyone anywhere. The kindness and care he extended came back to him; when he walked into a local restaurant or deli, he was enthusiastically and warmly greeted. Even animals loved Gerry!

Gerry and his older sister, Betty, grew up in Rochester, NY. The son of Noble Mack, a Baptist minister and Vera Chapman from Canada, his music inspiration grew from his mother, an accomplished pianist and organist. His interest in youth surfaced early as well with summer jobs as a camp counselor on Lake Keuka. He loved being on the water and boating and filled his summers sharing this with his own children. Quite athletic, Gerry competed in high school and college on the basketball teams. Later he played tennis, skied and tossed a ball with the kids, not to mention being a faithful soccer dad on the sidelines and an ardent Red Sox and Patriots fan! As the son of a minister ice skating was not permitted on Sundays, so Gerry would sneak out the basement window to get himself out on the ice.

Gerry first took up the baton as a teenager creating the Gentleman Songsters. His chorus made over 500 appearances on radio and stage and performed with the Rochester Philharmonic. Gerry even conducted when drafted in the army during the Korean War creating the Fort Dix Soldiers Chorus which was selected by the General to appear weekly on TV in NYC.

Gerry earned his degrees in Music Education and choral conducting from the University of New York at Fredonia and from Columbia University (masters and doctorate). He continued his life-long teaching career at Greenwich High School in Greenwich, CT. As a clever recruiter, Gerry employed his basketball prowess shooting hoops with male students encouraging them to sing. It wasn't surprising that the male sections of his choruses were exceptional! A special recognition was the invitation for his high school chorus to represent the United States at the 1961 Music Educators International Conference in Vienna. Following the performance the Austrian music critic wrote, "...these 105 boys and girls...left a compelling impression and have in their presentations attained a degree of perfection the nature of which is, for a school chorus, at least unusual."

As Director of Choral Activities at Hartt College of Music at the University of Hartford in Connecticut, Gerry developed its choral program, conducted and taught for 27 years. Graduate students affectionately nicknamed Professor Mack “Maestro Extraordinaire,” not simply because of his talents as a conductor but for the genuine interest and care he extended to all those who sang with him. His passion and talent contributed to Gerry’s success, but it was his deep empathy and the close relationships he formed with his singers and students that afforded greatness. Supportive and nurturing Gerry made a point of knowing his students individually and they regularly sought his advice. Gerry created the Greater Hartford Youth Chorale using the common denominator of music to build a sense of community between the 150 inner-city and suburban talented singers from 28 area high schools. They excelled “as one of the superior choral groups in the entire nation.” This project garnered first prize in the Business-In-The-Arts competition.

For 28 years Gerry was the Music Director of the Worcester Chorus in Massachusetts where he performed many of the world’s greatest choral/orchestral masterpieces with the Worcester Orchestra. He prepared the chorus to perform with the Boston Symphony under Sergi Ozawa and to perform with the Prague Symphony Orchestra in Carnegie Hall. In collaboration with Dave Brubeck, Gerry conducted Brubeck’s jazz mass, “To Hope.” The chorus also performed with the Mexican Symphony Orchestra and on tours in numerous European cities and Russia. Gerry worked with Gunther Schuller, Yehudi Menuin, and Aaron Copland, among others. He was privileged to conduct in such prestigious venues as Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Royal Albert Hall and Westminster Hall in London, Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, and Victoria Hall in Geneva.

As a summer resident of Wolfeboro, NH Gerry founded the Great Waters Music Festival and for 15 years conducted the Festival Chorus and Orchestra in a tent on the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee. This successful initiative has grown into a major summer festival featuring a variety of musical genres and artists. Retiring to Nantucket, Gerry immediately brought his talents to the island where he was recruited to become the Executive Director of the Nantucket Community Music Center. Serving on the Nantucket Arts Council, Gerry established a winter concert series bringing professional artists to the island enhancing its cultural life. In 2018 the Nantucket Arts Council honored Gerry with their special Merit Award. Gerry received numerous awards during his career including the first annual Conductor’s Award for the State of Connecticut and the 2014 New England Choral Arts Lifetime Achievement Award. Always with Nancy at his side, this talented man, through music and personal sensitivity to all with whom he crossed paths, inspired thousands. He leaves an extraordinary legacy.

Sing again, with your dear voice revealing
A tone
Of some world far from ours,
Where music and moonlight and feeling
Are one.
--Percy Bysshe Shelley

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SPORTS

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MLB

Hicks' hitting woes continue

Yankees cope with it while awaiting Bader

By Kristie Ackert
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — All Aaron Hicks could do Monday night was wear it.

He heard the boos, which were reminiscent of the ones that became Joey Gallo's walk-up and exit music. The Yankees center fielder understands the frustration. He feels it.

"I'm out there trying to compete and help this team win, obviously," Hicks said after the Yankees' 4-0

TB NY Up next
Who: Tampa Bay Rays at New York Yankees; When: 7:05 p.m. today; TV: YES; Radio: 97.9

loss to the Rays.

"It's not nice to hear boos, but when you're having the season I am, that's kind of the way it goes, especially around here. They want results."

Hicks is hitting .173 with runners in scoring position this season, the fifth-worst mark in the majors, and is in a 5-for-42 slump this month.

Clearly, the results the fans and Hicks want are not there right

Turn to Yankees, Page 2



Boston's Michael Wacha threw seven shutout innings in Sunday's win over the New York Yankees at Fenway Park. PAUL CONNORS/AP

How Sox could get back in hunt

Wacha, bats, health key to potential surge

By Jason Mastrodonato
Boston Herald

BOSTON — If one were making a guess on whether or not the Red Sox are a playoff team this year solely based on the decibel level of the "Yankees suck" chant on Sunday night, the answer would be unanimous.

Red Sox fans were as rowdy and confident as ever following a Sox' 3-0 shutout of the Yankees that was played in 2 hours, 15 minutes, tying the fastest Sox-Yanks game

B P Up next
Who: Boston Red Sox at Pittsburgh Pirates; When: 7:05 p.m. TV: NESN; Radio: 1080

this millennium.

Michael Wacha threw seven dominant innings that were as good as any thrown by a Red Sox pitcher this year.

The Red Sox are back in the playoff race, perhaps? Not so fast.

As of Monday, Baseball-Reference gave them a 4% chance at making the postseason, though the FanGraphs odds were a bit more generous at 17%.

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WNBA PLAYOFFS



REBECCA SLEZAK/AP

Sun set sights on Wings

The Dallas Wings will be relying heavily on center Teaira McCowan (7) when they open up their three-game playoff series against the Connecticut Sun. McCowan will be even more important with Dallas star Arike Ogunbowale injured and missing the series. The teams face off in Game 1 on Thursday at 8 p.m. at Mohegan Sun Arena. For a closer look at the Dallas Wings, see Page 4.



Seattle Storm's Breanna Stewart shoots in a WNBA basketball game against the Chicago Sky on July 20 in Chicago. CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP

WNBA

Stewart earns AP Player of the Year

Staff and wire reports

Breanna Stewart is always looking for ways to improve her game and this season her efforts culminated in a couple more career milestones.

The Seattle Storm forward led the WNBA in scoring for the first time in her career, averaging 21.8 points, and Tuesday she became the first player to repeat as The Associated Press WNBA Player of the Year.

Stewart received six votes for AP Player of the Year by the 10-member media panel

narrowly edging A'ja Wilson, who received the other four votes. Stewart is the first two-time winner of the award since the AP voting began in 2016.

"It's an honor to be recognized as the best in the league," said Stewart, who was also named player of the year in 2018. "Since I started in the WNBA in 2016, just trying to get better. Elevate myself and the team, the league as a whole. A big honor, but we're motivated by more and that's trying to win a championship."

Turn to WNBA, Page 4

UHART

Gallagher is suing Board of Regents member

Alleges misleading information on the move to D-III

By Dom Amore
Hartford Courant

University of Hartford men's basketball coach John Gallagher, since leading the Hawks to the NCAA Tournament in 2021, has stayed on the job despite the school's decision to move to Division III and its ongoing transition.

But Gallagher, in a lawsuit his attorneys have filed in Superior Court in Hartford, alleges he was misled by David Thompson, vice chair of UHart's Board of Regents, in a series of conversations in the spring of '21, and based on these conversations turned down lucrative coaching opportunities elsewhere.

UHart's plan is to play the upcoming season as an independent Division I program before moving to Division III. Gallagher is in the final year of a contract that calls for a series of bonuses for winning regular season or tournament titles or coach of the year awards in America East, which he cannot earn in 2022-23 now that UHart is no longer competing in that conference.

Gallagher, in his 13-page complaint, is seeking unspecified compensatory and punitive damages. The lawsuit, which does not name UHart as a defendant, is in the discovery phase. His attorneys, Madsen, Prestly and Parenteau, who represented Kevin Ollie in his successful, \$11 million case against UConn, released a statement to media on Gallagher's lawsuit:

"Coach Gallagher brought this action against David Thompson, Vice Chair of the University's Board of Regents, after Mr. Thompson fraudulently assured him that the University would remain in Division I," the statement read. "The University's regrettable actions in moving to Division III, notwithstanding those assurances, has not only caused irreparable damage to Coach Gallagher's career, it has also hurt the scholar-athletes who joined the program with the promise that they would be afforded all the opportunities and experience that go along with a Division I program. While Coach Gallagher sought to resolve these issues on an informal basis, those efforts were met with scorn and retaliatory actions by the University administration, who continue to dismantle the program he spent years building. Ultimately, Coach Gallagher felt that he had no other option but to file this action."

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SPORTS

UP NEXT

Patriots: Preseason: Panthers, Friday, 7 p.m.
Giants: Preseason: Bengals, Sunday, 7 p.m.
Jets: Preseason: Falcons, Monday, 8 p.m.
Red Sox: at Pirates, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; at Pirates, Thursday, 7 p.m.; at Orioles, Friday, 7 p.m.
Yankees: Rays, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Blue Jays, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Blue Jays, Friday, 7 p.m.
Mets: at Atlanta, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; at Atlanta, Thursday, 7 p.m.; at Phillies, Friday, 7 p.m.
Yard Goats: New Hampshire, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; New Hampshire, Thursday, 7 p.m.; New Hampshire, Friday, 7 p.m.
Sun: WNBA First Round vs. Dallas (Game 1), Thursday, 8 p.m.; WNBA First Round vs. Dallas (Game 2), Sunday, noon; WNBA First Round at Dallas (Game 3, if necessary), August 24, time TBD
Hartford Athletic: Miami, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Tulsa, August 24, 8:30 p.m.; at New York, August 31, 7 p.m.

LATE MONDAY

Yankees again get blanked

Associated Press

The slumping New York Yankees were shut out in consecutive games for the first time since 2016, losing to Ryan Yarbrough and the Tampa Bay Rays 4-0 on Monday night at Yankee Stadium.

Coming off a 3-0 defeat Sunday night against the Boston Red Sox, New York failed to provide any run support for ace Gerrit Cole, whose only run allowed followed a misplay in center field by Aaron Hicks.

The AL East leaders were blanked for the fourth time in nine games and dropped to 8-16 since the All-Star break after a 64-28 start.

Yarbrough (1-7) pitched four innings as a bulk reliever for his first win in nearly a year, striking out six without a walk. He previously won Sept. 24, 2021 and had lost eight straight decisions over 14 appearances, matching the franchise record.

Braves 13, Mets 1: At Atlanta, William Contreras and Eddie Rosario hit back-to-back homers off Carlos Carrasco in the second inning, Ronald Acuña Jr. doubled three times and drove in three runs, and the Braves won in a rout.

The victory moved the second-place Braves 4½ games back of New York for the NL East lead and put a brief halt to a hot streak in which the Mets had won 17 out of 20.

Carrasco (13-5) allowed three runs in two innings.

METS

By Matthew Roberson
New York Daily News

ATLANTA — Making the All-Star team can be a funny thing. While it's supposed to signify a great season, it can also just mean a guy enjoyed a very good first half.

That was Taijuan Walker's story last year.

In his first go-round with the Mets he also pitched in his first All-Star Game. At the time he embarked for the Midsummer Classic he had a 2.66 ERA, was averaging more than a strikeout per inning and holding opponents to a .573 OPS.

Then the bottom quickly fell out. In his first start of the second half he was pulled in the first inning against the miserable Pittsburgh Pirates. The next 12 starts



Up next
Who: New York Mets at Atlanta Braves
When: 7:20 p.m. today
TV: SNY; **Radio:** 880

weren't that great either.

Walker finished the second half of his All-Star season with a 7.13 ERA, watching that .573 opponents' OPS skyrocket by nearly 300 points.

"Last year I got really heavy on the fastball, especially in the second half," Walker told the Daily News. "It started getting hit hard. This year we've been mixing everything so well, I think I'm throwing the splitter 30% now."

"It's been my best pitch by far. I can locate it for strikes, get swings and misses, ground balls, a bunch

of everything."

That splitter has proved to be Walker's port in the storm.

It's gone from a 14.2% usage in 2021 to 27.7% this year (something he called an "everybody decision"), and the results validate that decision. Hitters are hitting .188 against it and it is Walker's best pitch at both generating whiffs and putting hitters away with two strikes. Even more telling, last year the splitter generated a .388 Weighted On-Base Average (wOBA), an advanced version of on-base percentage that weighs extra-base hits more than singles and walks.

This year batters have a .215 wOBA against Walker's split-finger. When asked if the splitter is the main reason for his 2022 success, he did not hesitate.

"I would say so," he said. "In my last couple starts I've kind of lost the feel for it, and that changes my whole game. When I have it on I feel like it's such a big weapon for me."

The 30-year-old said he felt the pitch starting to improve in spring training. As the season has played out, he's gained more and more confidence in it, even though most people know it's coming.

"Everyone knows it's my best pitch," Walker said with amusement. "The biggest thing is, with runners on base, I'm probably going to live and die by the splitter. If I need to throw it 10 times in a row, I'm going to throw it 10 times in a row."

Entering his start Tuesday in Atlanta, 41 of Walker's 85 strikeouts have ended with a splitter.

Yankees

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now, but what can the Yankees do about it?

At the trade deadline general manager Brian Cashman dealt away solid starter Jordan Montgomery, after acquiring Frankie Montas, for an elite defensive center fielder in Harrison Bader. The New York native, however, has not played since June 26 because of plantar fasciitis.

And there is no clear idea of when he will be able to help.

"Now he's in phase two [of his rehab], where it's kind of that progression of [working out] in the pool on the [antigravity treadmill]," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. "So he's in that phase which started, I think, in the last couple of days. That'll probably be a week or 10 days of that."

"And then hopefully that goes well and he can start to graduate to baseball activities."

The 28-year-old Bader won a Gold Glove in 2021. He was hitting .256/.303/.370 with 15 steals in 72 games this year. He had a minus-2 Defensive Runs Saved this season, according to FanGraphs.

A possible stopgap while Hicks figures it out as Bader rehabs is to move Aaron Judge back to center field. That would leave Tim Lincecum, Marwin Gonzalez or Hicks to play right field until Bader gets back, or when Giancarlo Stanton gets back from his Achilles injury, and then play him every day in the outfield.

Hicks' Monday nightmare really began in the fourth inning when he misread David Peralta's fly ball.

He turned the wrong way and then lost where the ball was. It got behind him and turned into



New York Yankees' Aaron Hicks celebrates after scoring the tying run on a single by pinch hitter Isiah Kiner-Falefa during the ninth inning of a game against the Houston Astros. KEVIN M. COX/AP

a leadoff triple.

"Obviously, it's a play ... it's got to be made," Boone said. "But [he's] just a guy that's struggling right now."

That was clear at the plate Monday night too.

In the second inning he ended a Yankees rally attempt. He struck out with runners on first and second. Perhaps worse was his inning-ending ground ball into a double play in the bottom of

the fourth.

Overall this season the switch-hitting Hicks is hitting .218/.339/.305 with a .644 OPS.

In the fourth year of a seven-year deal worth \$70 million, he has struggled to regain the form that led to a career-best 27 homers in 2018. He has been hit hard by injuries, requiring Tommy John surgery in 2019 and then wrist surgery that cost him most of the 2021 season.

Red Sox

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Manager Alex Cora feels differently, largely because he feels like the starting rotation is as rock-solid as it's been all year.

With Wacha, Nathan Eovaldi, Nick Pivetta, Kutter Crawford and a piggy-back combination of lefty Rich Hill and righty Josh Winckowski, they should at least have a chance on most nights.

"We just have to keep getting better," Cora said Sunday. "We're getting healthy, which is important, and it's important obviously in the rotation."

"You saw Nate, you saw Kutter and Michael, more strikes, less walks. That's always important. Hopefully this is the beginning of something good but we have to go Tuesday and play the same way."

Unfortunately, the Red Sox (57-59) haven't played well enough this year to get back into the play-

off race without getting hot-hot. Going into Tuesday's game at Pittsburgh, Boston had six teams ahead of them for three Wild Card spots.

Not only do the Red Sox need some magic, they need help. But if you're desperate for a silver lining, there are a few:

1. Wacha looks as good as he ever has

There's one advantage to having a team loaded with guys on expiring contracts: they're playing hard for new ones.

Wacha was signed to a one-year, \$7 million deal this offseason but looks poised to make a whole lot more this winter. It's possible he'll get a qualifying offer from the Red Sox, who would be happy to commit about \$20 million to him for a one-year deal in 2023 if he keeps pitching like this.

He's allowing a .157 average on his changeup, a career-low, and

while his 94 mph average fastball velocity and spin rate on his pitches rank near the bottom of the league, he's pitching with poise, confidence and craftiness, using three different fastballs (four-seam, two-seam, cut fastball) and throwing a ton of changeups to keep hitters guessing.

Wacha in this form is an ace, and he alone is enough to think they can stay in contention.

2. Devers, Bogaerts and Martinez are due

Since the second half began on July 21, Devers (.200, four home runs), Bogaerts (.244, two home runs) and Martinez (.174, no home runs) have hardly contributed. Because of it, the Red Sox are scoring just 3.7 runs per game, 20th in MLB in that span.

"The offense, at one point, we're gonna get going," Cora said. "Those guys are gonna hit. Xander is gonna

hit. J.D. is gonna hit. They're gonna do their part. Those guys carried us for a while and they can get hot, too, right now and do the same thing."

3. The team is getting healthy.

Outfielders Kiké Hernandez and Rob Refsnyder are expected to rejoin the Red Sox in Pittsburgh on Tuesday, giving them an outfield squad that includes Tommy Pham, Jarren Duran and Alex Verdugo. Expect Pham, Hernandez and Verdugo in the outfield on most nights, with Duran (against righties) and Refsnyder (against lefties) getting some playing time as well.

If Trevor Story ever makes it back from his hand injury, the Red Sox could have legitimate depth on their bench.

And Cora's go-to left-handed reliever, Matt Strahm, could also be joining the team this week.

NFL

Patriots aiming to improve in joint practices with Panthers

By Associated Press

The Patriots and Panthers opened two days of joint practices Tuesday in Foxborough, Mass., both hoping to see progress on the offensive side of the ball.

Carolina is trying to sort out its situation at quarterback after bringing in Baker Mayfield to compete alongside Sam Darnold. New England is still working through tweaks it's made since former offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels left in the off-season for Las Vegas.

Both teams had their moments during the two-hour session. Patriots receiver DeVante Parker continued to be a magnet for catching deep passes. And despite being under relentless pressure from the Patriots defense for a good portion of the day, Mayfield and Darnold both successfully guided the team down the field during hurry-up situations.

The highlights came after two fights broke out minutes apart

during the first half of practice that resulted in five players being kicked out.

"That's what happens when you're competing, trying to get better," Parker said. "Things are going to happen."

Meanwhile, with the first and second units for both teams split on different fields for simultaneous 11-on-11 drills, tempers flared on an otherwise mild afternoon.

The first incident occurred after Patriots receiver Kristian Wilkerson made a catch near the sideline. As he was going out of bounds, a Panthers player appeared to try to jar the ball loose. Wilkerson took issue and a large scrum ensued.

Giants: WR Golladay has yet to step up in second year

Kenny Golladay had a dismal first season with the New York Giants after signing a \$72 million contract, and there haven't been many signs the second year is

going to be any better. Golladay is under the microscope after catching 37 passes for 521 yards and no touchdowns in his first season with the Giants.

Granted, it was a 4-13 season in which the offense struggled and Golladay dealt with nagging hamstring, knee and rib problems.

The hope was the offense would improve with head coach Brian Daboll running the team after four years as Buffalo's coordinator and Golladay would be healthy and revert to the Pro Bowl wide out who caught 65 passes for 1,190 yards and 11 TDs in 2019. He was limited to five games in 2020 by a hip injury.

Golladay won't talk about the importance of this season, saying it's important for everyone.

Since training camp opened, Golladay has not had many days where he looks like a No. 1 receiver. Third-year pro Collin Johnson has had the most productive days. He had seven catches for 82 yards in the 23-21 preseason win over the Patriots on Thursday.



Patriots wide receiver DeVante Parker makes a catch during a combined training camp with the Carolina Panthers on Tuesday. NANCY LANE/BOSTON HERALD

Jets: Wilson has no additional damage

Zach Wilson and the New York Jets received some good news after a few days of worrying about the quarterback's right knee. Wilson had arthroscopic surgery Tuesday to repair a torn meniscus and remains on track to return in a few weeks, a person with knowledge told Associated Press.

Wilson, who also has a bone bruise in the knee, flew to Los Angeles to have the procedure

performed by Dr. Neal ElAttrache. Wilson's meniscus was trimmed and ElAttrache found no additional damage than initially believed. That timeline means the Jets could still potentially have their starting quarterback for Week 1.

Also, Mekhi Becton's third season with the Jets is officially over before it even started. The starting right tackle was placed on season-ending injured reserve Tuesday with a chip fracture in his right kneecap suffered during practice on Aug. 8.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	72	44	.621	—	—	2-8	L-2	41-16	31-28
Tampa Bay	61	53	.535	10	—	6-4	W-3	35-22	26-31
Toronto	61	53	.535	10	—	3-7	L-2	35-24	26-29
Baltimore	60	55	.522	11 ½	1 ½	6-4	W-1	33-21	27-34
Boston	57	59	.491	15	5	4-6	W-1	29-30	28-29

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Cleveland	62	54	.534	—	—	8-2	L-1	30-23	32-31
Minnesota	59	55	.518	2	2	4-6	W-1	32-25	27-30
Chicago	60	56	.517	2	2	6-4	W-4	29-29	31-27
Kansas City	48	69	.410	14 ½	14 ½	6-4	L-1	29-34	19-35
Detroit	44	74	.373	19	19	2-8	W-1	26-33	18-41

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	75	42	.641	—	—	6-4	L-1	39-18	36-24
Seattle	63	54	.538	12	+ ½	6-4	W-1	31-26	32-28
Texas	52	63	.452	22	9 ½	5-5	W-3	26-32	26-31
Los Angeles	51	65	.440	23 ½	11	6-4	L-1	26-34	25-31
Oakland	41	75	.353	33 ½	21	1-9	L-9	17-38	24-37

BOX SCORES

LATE MONDAY:
L.A. DODGERS 4, MILWAUKEE 0

LA Dodgers	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Betts rf	5	1	0	0	1	.274
T.Jurner ss	5	0	1	0	0	.305
Freeman 1b	5	1	2	1	1	.321
Smith c	2	0	0	1	0	.275
Muncy dh	4	0	1	0	0	.188
J.Turner 3b	3	1	0	0	0	.255
Lux 2b	3	1	1	2	2	.296
C.Taylor lf	2	0	1	0	1	.234
Bellinger cf	4	0	0	0	2	.206
TOTALS	33	4	6	4	7	
Milwaukee	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG

Yelich lf	2	0	0	0	0	.250
Adames ss	4	0	1	0	2	.223
McCutchen dh	4	0	0	0	2	.253
Brosseau 3b	2	0	0	0	1	.270
a-Wong ph-2b	2	0	0	0	1	.251
Renfroe rf	4	0	0	0	2	.242
Tellez 1b	4	0	2	0	1	.239
L.Urias 2b-3b	3	0	0	0	1	.230
Caratini c	3	0	0	0	0	.222
T.Taylor cf	3	0	1	0	0	.227
TOTALS	31	0	4	0	10	

L.A. Dodgers	000	012	000	—	4	6	0
Milwaukee	000	000	000	—	0	4	1

a-struck out for Brosseau in the 6th.
E: Adames (10). **LOB:** Los Angeles 8, Milwaukee 6. **2B:** Muncy (15), Freeman (38), T.Taylor (14). **HR:** Freeman (16), off Peralta; Lux (6), off Milner.
RBIs: Freeman (73), Smith (65), Lux 2 (37). **SF:** Smith.
Runners left in scoring position: Los Angeles 4(Bellinger 2, Muncy 2); Milwaukee 3(Tellez, Renfroe, Brosseau). **RISP:** Los Angeles 1for 7; Milwaukee 0for 5.
GIDP: Caratini. **DP:** Los Angeles 1 (J.Turner, Lux, Freeman).

LA DODGERS IP H R ER BB SO ERA

J.Urias, W, 13-6	5	4	0	0	2	6	2.40
Martin	1	0	0	0	0	4	3.96
Ferguson	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Phillips	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.37
Price	1	0	0	0	0	0	2.51

MILWAUKEE IP H R ER BB SO ERA

Peralta, L, 4-3	4	2	1	1	4	3	4.21
Strzelecki	1	1	1	0	0	1	2.92
Milner	1	1	2	2	0	1	3.40
Alexander	3	2	0	0	0	2	5.18

Pitches-Strikes: Urias 94-67; Martin 23-16; Ferguson 11-7; Phillips 14-8; Price 9-5; Peralta 92-51; Strzelecki 27-19; Milner 23-13; Alexander 34-27. **BP:** Milner (J.Turner). **WP:** Martin. **PB:** Smith (3).
Umpires: Home, Chad Fairchild; First, David Rackley; Second, Sean Barber; Third, Jeremy Riggs.
Time: 3:12. **A:** 27,084(41,900).

LATE MONDAY:
BALTIMORE 7, TORONTO 3

Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
McKenna cf-lf	5	1	3	1	0	.271
Rutschman c	4	0	1	1	2	.246
Santander rf	3	1	1	1	1	.262
Mullins cf	0	0	0	0	0	.264
Mountcastle 1b3	2	1	2	2	.253	
Urias 3b	4	0	1	0	1	.244
Uries lf-rf	4	0	0	0	1	.256
Mateo ss	3	1	1	0	0	.232
Vavra 2b	2	1	1	0	0	.294
Nevin dh	2	0	0	1	0	.199
1-Phillips pr-dh1	1	0	0	1	.144	
a-Odor ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	.205
TOTALS	32	7	8	7	8	
Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG

TOTALS	32	7	8	7	8	
Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Springer dh	4	1	2	0	1	.254
Guerrero Jr. 1b	4	1	1	1	1	.310
Gurriel Jr. lf	4	0	2	2	0	.284
Hernandez rf	4	0	0	0	2	.268
Bichette ss	3	0	1	0	1	.260
Chapman 3b	4	0	1	0	0	.235
Tapia cf	2	0	0	0	1	.275
b-Espinal ph-2b1	0	0	0	0	0	.265
Merrifield 2b-cf4	0	1	0	1	1	.241
Jansen c	3	1	0	0	2	.204
TOTALS	33	3	8	3	9	

Baltimore	102	310	000	—	7	8	1
Toronto	002	010	000	—	3	8	2

a-grounded out for Phillips in the 8th. b-grounded out for Tapia in the 8th. 1-ran for Nevin in the 4th. **E:** Mateo (14). **Bichette** (13). **Kikuchi** (1). **LOB:** Baltimore 6, Toronto 8. **2B:** McKenna (219), Springer (15). **HR:** Mountcastle (16), off Kikuchi; Guerrero Jr. (24), off Bradish. **RBIs:** Santander (61), Mountcastle 2(57), Nevin (16), McKenna (10), Rutschman (22), Vavra (7), Gurriel Jr. 2 (47), Guerrero Jr. (70). **SF:** Rutschman, Vavra. **Runners left in scoring position:** Baltimore 3(Hays, Mountcastle), Santander (2)(Chapman, Merrifield). **RISP:** Baltimore 2for 10; Toronto 1for 7. **Runners moved up:** Hays, Santander. **GIDP:** Santander, Bichette, Guerrero Jr. **DP:** Baltimore 2 (Mateo, Vavra, Mountcastle; Mateo, Vavra, Mountcastle); Toronto 3(Chapman, Gurriel Jr., Bichette, Gurriel Jr.); Jansen; Bichette, Guerrero Jr.).

BALTIMORE IP H R ER BB SO ERA

Bradish	4⅔	6	3	3	4	5	6.38
Baker, W, 4-3	⅞	0	0	0	2	4	4.10
Tate	⅞	1	0	0	0	0	2.48
Perez	⅞	0	0	0	0	1	1.11
Bautista	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.65

TORONTO IP H R ER BB SO ERA

Kikuchi, L, 4-7	⅞	4	6	3	3	3	5.25
Richards	⅞	1	1	1	2	1	5.05
Thornton	2	0	0	0	1	3	4.30
Pap	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.00
Cimber	1	2	0	0	0	1	3.10

Inherited runners-scored: Baker 2-0, Richards 2-1.
Umpires: Home, Chris Segal; First, Paul Emmel; Second, Malachi Moore; Third, Pat Hoberg. **T:** 3:20. **A:** 26,769(53,506).

AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING AVERAGE	G	AB	R	H	AVG.
Arraez Min	102	385	62	128	.332
Gimenez Cle	104	340	47	106	.312
Gurriel Jr. Tor	103	381	48	118	.312
Devers Bos	99	397	65	121	.305
Bogaerts Bos	111	412	63	125	.303
J.Abreu CHW	114	436	64	132	.303
Benintendi KC	110	401	47	121	.302
Vaughn CHW	93	360	46	108	.300
Judge NYY	112	420	96	126	.300
Kirk Tor	101	331	49	99	.299

Home Runs: Judge, New York, 46; Alvarez, Houston, 31; Buxton, Minnesota, 28; Rizzo, New York, 27; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 26; Seager, Texas, 26.
Runs Batted In: Judge, New York, 100; J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 94; Tucker, Houston, 76; Alvarez, Houston, 75; A.Garcia, Texas, 73; Guerrero Jr., Toronto, 70; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 68; Rizzo, New York, 67; Bregman, Houston, 65.
Pitching: Verlander, Houston, 15-3; Manoah, Toronto, 12-5; Cease, Chicago, 12-5; Tallion, New York, 11-3; F.Valdez, Houston, 11-4; Urquidy, Houston, 11-4; McCleanah, Tampa Bay, 11-5. through Monday

LATE MONDAY:
PHILADELPHIA 4, CINCINNATI 3

Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Stott ss	5	0	3	0	0	.225
Hoskins 1b	4	0	1	0	1	.249
Bohm dh	5	1	1	0	2	.287
Realmuto c	4	1	2	0	1	.261
Castellanos rf	5	1	1	1	2	.258
Segura 2b	4	1	1	0	1	.278
Sosa 3b	4	0	2	3	0	.200
Marsh cf	4	0	1	0	1	.226
Vierling lf	4	0	0	0	1	.216
TOTALS	39	4	12	4	9	
Cincinnati	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG

Fraley lf	4	1	1	1	0	.247
Solano dh	4	0	1	0	2	.310
K.Farmer 3b	4	0	3	0	0	.268
Votto 1b	4	0	0	0	0	.208
Almora Jr. cf	4	1	1	0	3	.227
Reynolds 2b	4	1	1	0	1	.251
Aquino rf	4	0	1	0	1	.184
Barreiro ss	3	0	0	0	1	.200
Papierski c	3	0	1	2	0	.136
TOTALS	34	3	9	3	8	

Philadelphia	003	010	000	—	4	12	0
Cincinnati	020	000	010	—	3	9	0

LOB: Philadelphia 11, Cincinnati 4.
2B: Segura (5), Sosa (6), Realmuto (17), K.Farmer (21), Almora Jr. (10).
HR: Fraley (4), off Syndergaard.
RBIs: Castellanos (55), Sosa 3 (12), Papierski 2 (4), Fraley (10).
SB: Marsh (1), Reynolds (5), Stott (6), Castellanos (7), Realmuto (15).
Runners left in scoring position: Philadelphia 7(Castellanos 3, Segura, Vierling, Marsh 2); Cincinnati 1(Votto). **RISP:** Philadelphia 4for 15; Cincinnati 2for 5. **GIDP:** Barreiro, Votto. **DP:** Philadelphia 2(Stott, Segura, Hoskins; Segura, Sosa, Hoskins).

PHILADELPHIA IP H R ER BB SO ERA

Syndergrd, W, 2-0	7	8	3	3	0	6	4.50
Robertson, H, 2	1	1	0	0	0	1	1.99
Dominguez, S, 9-10	0	0	0	0	1	1	1.45

CINCINNATI IP H R ER BB SO ERA

Minor, L, 1-10	5	10	4	4	1	4	6.31
Gibaut	1	1	0	0	2	3	6.06
Cessa	2	0	0	0	0	0	5.50
Strickland	1	1	0	0	0	2	5.56

Pitches-strikes: Syndergaard 77-61; Robertson 10-7; Dominguez 8-6; Ground Balls-Fly Balls: 7-6.
Batters Faced: Syndergaard 28; Robertson 3; Dominguez 3; Minor 26; Gibaut 6; Cessa 6; Strickland 4.
WP: Minor.
Umpires: Home, Junior Valentine; First, Gabe Morales; Second, Andy Fletcher; Third, Bill Welke.
Time: 2:53. **A:** 14,635(42,319).

LATE MONDAY:
ATLANTA 13, N.Y. METS 1

NY Mets	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Nimmo cf	4	0	2	0	0	.267
Marte rf	2	0	0	0	1	.290
Perez c	1	0	0	0	0	.148
Lindor ss	3	0	0	0	0	.267
Marrero ss	1	0	0	0	0	.000
Alonso 1b	3	0	0	0	0	.294
Naquin rf	1	0	0	0	1	.254
Vogelbach dh	4	0	0	0	0	.239
Canha lf	4	0	1	0	0	.265
McNeil 2b	4	1	4	0	0	.315
Escobar 3b	4	0	0	1	0	.216
McCann c-1b	3	0	0	0	1	.184
TOTALS	34	1	7	1	5	
Atlanta	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG

TOTALS	34	1	7	1	5	AVG
	AB	R	H	BI	SO	
Acuna Jr rf	5	2	3	3	0	.278
Heredia rf	0	0	0	0	0	.136
Swanson ss	4	1	3	3	0	.294
Riley 3b	5	1	1	0	0	.291
Olson 1b	5	1	1	1	2	.249
Contreras dh	4	1	1	1	1	.258
Rosario lf	3	1	1	1	0	.185
a-Grossman lf	2	0	1	0	1	.263
d'Arnaud c	4	2	2	3	0	.257
Grisson 2b	3	2	2	0	0	.429
Harris II cf	4	2	1	1	0	.292
TOTALS	39	13	15	13	4	
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A.T. Mets	030	208	000	—	13	15

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SPORTS

WNBA PLAYOFFS

Scouting the Dallas Wings ahead of first-round series with the Sun

By Lila Bromberg
Hartford Courant

With their sights set on winning the first championship in franchise history, the Connecticut Sun begin their journey in the WNBA Playoffs on Thursday night.

The third-seeded Sun (25-11) will face the sixth-seeded Dallas Wings (18-18) in Game 1 of their first round series at 8 p.m. ET at Mohegan Sun Arena. The game will air on ESPNU and NBA TV.

The two teams faced off three times in the regular season, with Dallas holding a 2-1 edge in the series. But a lot has changed for both sides since those matchups. The Courant spoke with Peter Warren, the Dallas Morning News, to get an updated scouting report on the Wings and what to expect in the first round.

This conversation has been edited for clarity and length.

This is the first season the Wings have finished at or above .500 since the Tulsa Shock moved to Texas and were rebranded. What do you think has allowed them to make the jump this year?

Peter Warren: “I think part of it is just maturity and just getting older as a group. Nine of the 12 players on the team remain from the previous season. The three who [aren’t back] are Teaira McCowan — their only offseason acquisition coming from Indiana— and two rookies. So there was a lot of continuity just from the group having an extra year. Getting that experience in the playoffs last year also provided a lot of confidence and is something that Coach [Vickie] Johnson and the team has expressed made them feel like they belonged. Because heading into the Chicago game last year, they felt just sort of like pretenders. But they entered this year with confidence that they can make the jump, they can get to this .500 record, get into the play-offs, win a game, maybe win a series. And it took probably more twists and turns and they would have liked, but they’ve ended the season sort of on a good note that their confidence shaped into actually winning games.”

You mentioned just even getting to the playoffs last year has given the Wings confidence. Obviously the Wings and that group of players have a lot less experience in the postseason than the Sun, who have consistently been there. How do you see that playing into this series?

Warren: “It’s definitely a fascinating aspect. The Wings have combined to play — on the roster, including Arike [Ogunbowale], Satou [Sabally] — 18 total playoff games between the 12 players. And I’m pretty sure there are multiple players on the Sun who have that many by themselves. So it’s going to be a fascinating dynamic to see how that veteran presence plays out. I think an interesting wildcard is that Vickie Johnson played in 53 play-off games, two assistants on staff both have two championships each, and they’ve both played over 20 playoff games. So it’s an interesting dynamic where Dallas’ coaching staff is [made up of] not only experienced players but experienced playoff winners. But especially in that first game, I think it’ll be crucial to see how Dallas, with a rookie point guard, adjusts to the pace and aggression of a playoff game. Those first five to 10 minutes will really be huge seeing whether Dallas will sink or swim against a team like you mentioned in Connecticut where his is not their first rodeo, this is their 10th rodeo and they have big expectations on them as well.”

Having Arike Ogunbowale out for this first round due to injury changes things a lot. How have you seen Dallas adapt to playing without her?

Warren: “Yeah, obviously Arike is an enigma, especially on offense where she can go off for 30-plus points or she can have a fairly ineffi-



Dallas Wings guard Arike Ogunbowale, right, dribbles against Connecticut Sun guard Courtney Williams in a recent WNBA game in Arlington, Texas. **LM OTERO/AP**

cient game that can sort of negatively trickle down on the team. But the big thing without her has been there has been more ball movement on offense. Arike can go into iso-mode, probably more at times than some people would like, so the ball moves a lot — maybe not better, but there’s a lot more movement without her on the floor. That is something that opposing coaches have mentioned in their pregame pressers. But the other big difference compared to those first few matchups is just Teaira McCowan (6-foot-7) in the middle.

Her arriving late for the season from Europe, where she played great, really impacted his team in more ways than one. When your big offseason acquisition comes into the team late, and doesn’t know the system, it takes a while for her to learn, especially someone as cerebral as Teaira who’s trying to get all the small things right. But you saw it in that third game against the Sun right before the All-Star break, her putting it together. And now the team’s offense, especially in the playoffs I imagine, will be based around that inside-out, getting the ball to Teaira almost every time on the block. The matchup with Jonquel, with Bri, with maybe Alyssa a little bit is fascinating in my mind to really see how the series goes.”

The emergence of McCowan is something I was going to ask you about. After watching how she’s been playing in recent weeks, what do you expect from the battle in the post in this series?

Warren: “We’ve seen it after the All-Star break, not just learning the system and gaining the trust of her teammates, but also just having things slow down for her. That was one thing Teaira and Vickie talked about ... Teaira’s a very cerebral player, she was trying to learn all these tendencies, learn all these intricate details that come over time, playing with somebody for months and months, she was trying to learn in two weeks, in three weeks. It was just affecting her game and she was thinking too much on the court. And Johnson has said, ‘Stop doing that, you do you,’ and it’s worked wonders and you can see that when she gets the ball on the block, she’s looking to make a play, she’s not afraid. Even on defense, having that 6-foot-7 presence in the middle adds something, especially compared to what was there before, which was good defense but not the imposing presence of McCowan.

From a pure just bigs perspective, I mean Bri Jones and Jonquel Jones, there’s no better duo in the league. Teaira would really dominate at times against the second-string bigs, who just either aren’t skilled enough or aren’t big enough to handle her in the post. That’s not going to be the case in this series. Teaira is going to have to play a lot of minutes and she’s gonna have to battle for all those minutes with no stops. And especially with Jonquel and Bri Jones playing two different styles, one obviously can

stretch out to three, and Teaira’s not the greatest on the perimeter, it’ll be an interesting matchup to see. One of them will guard Teaira, but it’ll be interesting see how Dallas potentially matches up with Kayla [Thornton] and Awak [Kuier] and other people like that.”

Satou Sabally has been out since July 12 with an ankle injury. Have the Wings given any update on whether they think she might return at all for the playoffs?

Warren: “So Satou has been day-to-day for probably a month now, maybe more like three weeks. It’s just one of those things where they are saying she’s getting better, she’s feeling good. She didn’t travel [for the regular season finale]. I think if the team had ended the season at home, we might have seen her in the regular season finale or in the second-to-last game, just because I know she had been ramping it up and she’s actually going in shootarounds and in practice, she’s dressing and doing some participation. I think that’s really the big question for Dallas. They call [Satou] a unicorn. She adds a dynamic player — most likely she’ll be on the bench for Dallas if she does play — that is the ball handler, creator without Arike they have been missing. So it is definitely one thing, you know, if she’s able to play, which honestly I have no idea, she’s the X-Factor.”

What do you think are the biggest weaknesses for this Wings team that you’ve seen other teams be able to exploit throughout the season?

Warren: “It’s been a problem for most of the year, even with Arike, just sort of closing games in not just a strong way, but in a way that you can emphatically close the door on a victory. Dallas, other than this most recent win streak (they won five straight games from July 30-Aug. 8), has struggled to focus over 40 minutes, and a lot of that would manifest in the final five minutes of the game. Even the games they won, they would sometimes struggle down the stretch. A game like Las Vegas where they won, they sort of lucked out with A’ja Wilson missing a bunny at the end. Especially without Arike, who is obviously a great iso [player] and someone you can trust when you need to get a bucket. Allisha Gray is great, she’s not the best at iso and creating for herself. Marina is very good at that, but she’s not as good as Arike. Teaira is obviously good, but theoretically it’ll be possessions down the stretch where Jonquel and Bri or Alyssa is fronting and they can’t get the ball in to her.

They’ve struggled, especially in those situations, to find a good look. It’s not always been the case, if they call timeout Johnson has had a couple of great calls out of timeouts that have really worked. But especially with [Veronica] Burton or Ty Harris on the floor, young point guards who are still learning how to run a team, it can be a struggle.

Australia.

Stewart, 27, is already a two-time Olympic gold medalist and helped lead the U.S. to gold medals in the 2014 and 2018 world championships. Dolson, 30, won two national titles with the Huskies and is a two-time WNBA All-Star. She averaged 8.1 points and 4.8 rebounds per game for the New York Liberty this season.

Three Sun players — Brionna Jones, Alyssa Thomas and Courtney Williams — also received invites.

Sun head coach Curt Miller will be one of the court coaches under head coach Cheryl Reeve of the Minnesota Lynx. Players will report to camp after the conclusion of their WNBA seasons.



Men’s basketball coach John Gallagher is suing a member of the UHart Board of Regents. Gallagher claims he was misled regarding the school’s move to Division III. **JOHN WOIKE/HARTFORD COURANT**

Gallagher

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Thompson’s attorney, Rachel V. Kushel at the Hartford firm of Robinson and Cole, responded:

“Mr. Gallagher has not produced any evidence to support his claims,” Kushel said, in an e-mail to The Courant. “We are confident in both the legal and factual merits of Mr. Thompson’s position which will be appropriately handled by the legal process. Mr. Thompson is a committed alumnus and long-standing member of the Board of Regents, and he has the full support of the University.”

In March 2021, Gallagher led the UHart program to the conference championship and a berth in the NCAA Tournament, a first for the program in 37 years since moving up to Division I. The Hawks lost to eventual national championship Baylor, but brought national attention to the program in the process.

During this period, Gallagher heard rumors of a plan to move to Division III and contacted Thompson on or about March 26, 2021, who assured him, according to the complaint, that the school would not be moving to D-III and Gallagher should not worry.

Gallagher, according to the complaint, was offered an assistant coaching position at Oklahoma under Porter Moser that would have paid \$600,000 per year for three years, and there were several other head coaching jobs open that Gallagher did not pursue.

A month later, it was revealed that UHart had commissioned a study that recommended a move to Division III to remedy financial difficulties.

Again, the suit alleges, Thompson told Gallagher the move would not happen and he should stay at UHart. On May 6, the Board of Regents voted to approve the move and the transition began.

Gallagher remained at UHart, as did most of his players, and the Hawks finished 12-20, losing in

the America East Tournament. UHart’s application to move to Division III was approved by the NCAA, and the school has joined the Commonwealth Coast Conference.

UHart has been assembling a 25-game independent D-1 schedule for 2022-23, but has not been allowed to have summer basketball practices.

The school is compelled to begin operating under D-III rules, which do not allow summer practices, on Sept. 1.

The university explained its position on summer practices in a statement:

“In March, the University received formal NCAA approval to move forward with our transition to Division III,” the statement read. “This is a multi-year process that has already begun and we are excited to welcome 116 new student-athletes for fall 2022 under our new model, more than any other year in recent history. This year we are a Division I independent institution. However, as a reclassifying member, we are required to follow all NCAA Division III legislation for practice and competition beginning with the 2022-23 academic year. We will continue to comply with the appropriate bylaws for practice and competition, which are continuously evaluated for compliance internally and by the NCAA.”

Gallagher, while he remains the head coach, alleges in his suit that his reputation will be damaged as a result of these actions, alleging fraud and negligent misrepresentation.

“Statements made by David Thompson to Coach Gallagher,” the complaint reads, “which provided assurances to Coach Gallagher that the University had not engaged in studies and had no plans to move athletic programs from Division I to Division III were knowingly false and designed to mislead and manipulate Coach Gallagher into remaining the head coach of the University’s men’s basketball team.”

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WNBA

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Stewart’s fourth-seeded Seattle Storm begin their playoff run on Thursday in a best-of-three series against Washington.

The WNBA will announce its league awards over the course of the postseason, which begins Wednesday.

Wilson was selected as the AP’s Defensive Player of the Year, edging Alyssa Thomas and Natasha Cloud. Wilson anchored the Aces’ defense averaging 1.9 blocks and 1.4 steals a game.

Her Aces teammate Jackie Young was chosen as the most improved player.

Tanisha Wright became the first former WNBA

player to win the AP Coach of the Year award. She was one of six former players to be head coaches in the league this season — five of them led their teams to the playoffs.

Other AP winners included:

— Sixth Woman of the Year. Brionna Jones was a unanimous choice a year after winning the AP’s Most Improved Player. She averaged 13.8 points, 5.1 rebounds and 1.2 steals for Connecticut.

— Comeback Player of the Year. The Sun’s Alyssa Thomas earned the award after missing all but two games during the regular season last year because of an Achilles injury that she suffered in January 2021. Thomas averaged 13.4 points, 8.2 rebounds and

6.1 assists.

— Rookie of the Year. Rhyne Howard was the No. 1 pick of the Atlanta Dream and a near unanimous choice the award. Howard averaged 16.2 points and 4.6 rebounds this season helping Atlanta win six more games than last season.

Stewart, Dolson receive Team USA invites: Former UConn women’s basketball stars Breanna Stewart and Stefanie Dolson were among 29 players selected to participate in the 2022 USA Basketball Women’s National Team training camp, beginning on Sept. 6 in Las Vegas.

The team will be training together ahead of the 2022 World Cup, which tips off Sept. 21 in Sydney,

LOCAL AMATEUR BASEBALL

CONNECTICUT TWILIGHT LEAGUE

MONDAY’S RESULTS

CTL Playoffs—At Muzzy Field, Bristol
Winner’s Bracket—Final
* BLACK SOX 3, ROCKIES 1
Elimination Bracket—Semifinal
* Dodgers 7, Aftershock 2

TUESDAY’S RESULTS

CTL Playoffs—At Muzzy Field, Bristol
Elimination Bracket—Final
* No. 7 Dodgers vs. No. 3 Rockies, late
Championship—Best of-3
Game 1
* Dodgers/Rockies winner vs. No. 1 Black Sox, late

WEDNESDAY’S SCHEDULE

CTL Playoffs—At Muzzy Field, Bristol
Championship—Best of-3
Game 2
Dodgers/Rockies winner vs. No. 1 Black Sox, 6 p.m.
Game 3 (if necessary)
Dodgers/Rockies winner vs. No. 1 Black Sox, 8 p.m.

GREATER HARTFORD TWILIGHT LEAGUE

MONDAY’S RESULT

GHTL Playoffs—Championship (Game 1)
* Palmer Field, Middletown
* Jets 5, Orioles 1

TUESDAY’S RESULT

GHTL Playoffs—Championship (Game 2)
* Palmer Field, Middletown
* No. 3 Orioles vs. No. 2 Jets, late

Eastern League standings

Team	W	L	PCT	GB
Northeast	66	41	.617	—
Somerset	63	44	.589	3
Hartford	54	54	.500	12.5
Portland	48	60	.444	18.5
Reading	47	61	.435	19.5
New Hampshire	40	67	.374	26
Binghamton	47	61	.435	19.5
Southwest	W	L	PCT	GB
Erie	66	41	.617	—
Akron	60	47	.561	6
Altoona	53	55	.491	13.5

Bowie	53	55	.491	13.5
Richmond	52	55	.486	14
Harrisburg	43	65	.398	23.5

TUESDAY’S RESULTS

* New Hampshire at Hartford, late
* Harrisburg at Altoona, late
* Akron at Erie, late
* Binghamton at Richmond, late
* Somerset at Bowie, late
* Portland at Reading, late

WEDNESDAY’S SCHEDULE

Harrisburg at Altoona, 6 p.m.
Akron at Erie, 6 p.m.
Binghamton at Richmond 6:30 p.m.
Somerset at Bowie, 6:30 p.m.
New Hampshire at Hartford 7 p.m.
Portland at Reading, 7 p.m.

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Standings

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Eastern	16	3	4	52
Louisville	15	5	3	48
Memphis	14	4	6	48
Tampa Bay	13	6	5	44
Birmingham	13	7	4	43
Pittsburgh	10	8	7	37
Miami	9	5	9	36
Detroit	8	12	4	28
Tulsa	6	13	4	22
Indy	5	14	5	20
Hartford	5	15	3	18
Loudoun	4	18	4	16
Atlanta	4	16	4	16
Charleston	3	18	3	12
New York	3	18	3	12
Western	W	L	T	Pts
San Antonio	18	4	2	56
San Diego	15	6	4	49
Colorado Springs	13	8	3	42
New Mexico	10	5	9	39
Sacramento	10	6	7	37
El Paso	9	10	7	34
Las Vegas	9	9	6	33
Los Angeles	9	11	5	32
Oakland	6	7	12	30
Phoenix	8	11	5	29
Monterey Bay	9	12	2	29
Orange County	6	10	8	26
Rio Grande	7	11	5	26

WEDNESDAY’S SCHEDULE

Birmingham at Detroit, 8 p.m.
New Mexico at Memphis, 9 p.m.
Orange at Las Vegas, 10 p.m.
Sacramento at Colorado Springs, 11 p.m.

SCOREBOARD

SOCCER

MLS EASTERN						
	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Philadelphia	13	3	9	48	45	19
CF Montréal	13	8	4	43	43	41
New York City FC	12	6	6	42	45	27
N.Y. Red Bulls	10	8	7	37	38	31
Columbus	8	6	10	34	32	27
Orlando City	9	10	6	33	38	26
Inter Miami CF	9	10	6	33	32	41
New England	8	7	9	33	36	34
Cincinnati	8	8	9	33	42	45
Chicago	8	11	6	30	28	34
Charlotte FC	9	14	2	29	30	39
Toronto FC	8	12	5	29	37	43
Atlanta	7	9	8	29	33	36
D.C. United	6	14	4	22	28	48
WESTERN						
	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Los Angeles FC	17	4	3	54	53	24
Austin FC	14	5	6	48	54	34
FC Dallas	10	7	9	39	38	28
Minnesota United	11	9	5	38	40	35
Real Salt Lake	10	8	7	37	33	34
LA Galaxy	10	11	3	33	37	34
Nashville	8	9	9	33	34	36
Portland	7	7	12	33	42	40
Seattle	10	13	2	32	32	31
Colorado	8	9	7	31	35	37
Vancouver	8	11	6	30	29	44
Houston	7	14	4	25	31	42
San Jose	5	11	9	24	40	53
Sporting KC	6	15	5	23	26	48
Three points for win, one point for tie.						

TUESDAY'S RESULT
D.C. United at Los Angeles FC, late

WEDNESDAY'S MATCHES
N.Y. Red Bulls at Atlanta, 7:30p.m.
New England at Toronto FC, 7:30p.m.
Charlotte FC at New York City FC, 8p.m.
Philadelphia at FC Dallas, 9p.m.
Colorado at Vancouver, 10p.m.

FRIDAY'S MATCH
Seattle at LA Galaxy, 10p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Cincinnati at N.Y. Red Bulls, 6p.m.
Philadelphia at D.C. United, 7:30p.m.
New England at CF Montréal, 7:30p.m.
Toronto FC at Miami, 8p.m.
Austin FC at Minnesota, 8p.m.
Houston at Colorado, 9p.m.
Vancouver at Real Salt Lake, 10p.m.
Los Angeles FC at San Jose, 10p.m.

NWSL CLUB									
	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA			
Portland	7	1	7	28	36	15			
Kansas City	7	4	4	25	20	20			
San Diego	7	5	4	25	21	17			
Houston	7	4	4	25	16	14			
OL Reign	6	4	4	24	20	15			
Chicago	6	4	5	23	18	18			
Angel City	6	5	6	21	15	16			
Orlando	2	6	8	14	16	22			
Louisville	2	6	8	14	16	22			
Gotham FC	4	9	0	12	10	28			
Washington	1	6	9	12	16	21			
North Carolina	2	6	4	10	23	26			

WEDNESDAY'S MATCH
Gotham FC at Houston, 8:30p.m.

FRIDAY'S MATCH
Angel City at Kansas City, 8p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Orlando at Gotham FC, 7p.m.
Chicago at North Carolina, 7p.m.
Houston at San Diego, 10p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 24
Portland at North Carolina, 7p.m.

FRIDAY, AUG. 26
OL Reign at Orlando, 7p.m.

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE CLUB									
	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS	PF	PA
Man City	2	2	0	0	6	0	6	6	6
Arsenal	2	2	0	0	6	2	4	6	4
Brentford	2	1	1	0	6	2	4	6	4
Tottenham	2	1	1	0	6	3	4	6	4
Newcastle	2	1	1	0	2	0	4	6	4
Leeds	2	1	1	0	4	3	4	6	4
Chelsea	2	1	1	0	3	2	4	6	4
Brighton	2	1	1	0	2	1	4	6	4
Aston Villa	2	1	0	1	2	3	4	6	4
Notting. Forest	2	1	0	1	1	2	3	6	4
Bournemouth	2	1	0	1	2	4	3	6	4
Liverpool	2	0	2	0	3	2	2	6	4
Fulham	2	0	2	0	2	3	2	6	4
Wolverhampton	2	0	1	1	1	2	1	6	4
Leicester	2	0	1	1	4	6	1	6	4
Crystal Palace	2	0	1	1	1	3	1	6	4
Southampton	2	0	1	1	3	6	1	6	4
Everton	2	0	0	2	1	3	0	6	4
West Ham	2	0	0	2	0	3	0	6	4
Man United	2	0	0	2	1	6	0	6	4

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Tottenham vs. Wolverhampton, 7:30 a.m.
Crystal Palace vs. Aston Villa, 10a.m.
Everton vs. Notting. Forest, 10a.m.
Fulham vs. Brentford, 10a.m.
Leicester vs. Southampton, 10a.m.
Bournemouth vs. Arsenal, 12:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Leeds vs. Chelsea, 9a.m.
West Ham vs. Brighton, 9a.m.
Newcastle vs. Man City, 11:30a.m.

MONDAY'S MATCH
Man United vs. Liverpool, 3p.m.

NFL PRESEASON

AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Buffalo	1	0	0	1.000	27	24
Miami	1	0	0	1.000	26	24
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1.000	24	21
New England	0	1	0	.000	21	23
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Houston	1	0	0	1.000	17	13
Indianapolis	0	1	0	.000	24	27
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	10	23
Jacksonville	0	2	0	.000	24	51
NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	23	10
Cleveland	1	0	0	1.000	24	13
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	1.000	32	25
Cincinnati	0	1	0	.000	23	36
WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Las Vegas	2	0	0	1.000	53	31
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	17	7
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	14	19
L.A. Chargers	0	1	0	.000	22	29

NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	1	0	0	1.000	23	21
Dallas	0	1	0	.000	7	17
Philadelphia	0	1	0	.000	21	24
Washington	0	1	0	.000	21	23
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Atlanta	1	0	0	1.000	27	23
Carolina	1	0	0	1.000	23	21
New Orleans	0	1	0	.000	13	17
Tampa Bay	0	1	0	.000	24	26
NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Chicago	1	0	0	1.000	19	14
Detroit	0	1	0	.000	23	27
Minnesota	0	1	0	.000	20	26
Green Bay	0	1	0	.000	21	28
WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Arizona	1	0	0	1.000	36	23
L.A. Rams	1	0	0	1.000	29	22
San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000	28	21
Seattle	0	1	0	.000	25	32

WEEK 2 THURSDAY'S GAME
Chicago at Seattle, 8p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Carolina at New England, 7p.m.
New Orleans at Green Bay, 8p.m.
Houston at L.A. Rams, 10p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Detroit at Indianapolis, 1p.m.
Denver at Buffalo, 1p.m.
Washington at Kansas City, 4p.m.
Tampa Bay at Tennessee, 7p.m.
San Francisco at Minnesota, 7p.m.
Pittsburgh at Jacksonville, 7p.m.
Las Vegas at Miami, 7p.m.
Dallas at San Diego, 10p.m.

SUNDAY, AUG. 21
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 1p.m.
Cincinnati at N.Y. Giants, 7p.m.
Baltimore at Arizona, 8p.m.

MONDAY, AUG. 22
Atlanta at N.Y. Jets, 8p.m.

TENNIS

WESTERN & SOUTHERN OPEN Tuesday at Lindner Family Tennis Center, Cincinnati, outdoors, hard
MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
#1 Daniil Medvedev vs. Botić Van De Zandschulp, late
#3 Carlos Alcaraz vs. Mackenzie McDonald, late
#13 Diego Schwartzman vs. Aslan Karatsev, late
#14 Marin Cilic vs. Emil Ruusuvuori, late
MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 64
#10 Jannik Sinner d. Thanasi Kokkinakis, 6-7(9), 6-4, 7-6(6).
#11 Taylor Fritz d. Sebastian Baez, 6-1, 6-1.
Tommy Paul d. Jenson Brooksby, 6-3, 6-2.
Borna Ćorić d. Lorenzo Musetti, 7-6(2), 6-3.
Alex de Minaur d. Henri Laaksonen, 6-2, 6-2.
Fabio Fognini d. Albert Ramos-Vinolas, 6-2, 6-3.
Nick Kyrgios d. Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, 7-5, 6-4.
Pablo Carreno Busta vs. Miomir Kecmanovic, late
Lorenzo Sonego vs. Ben Shelton, late
Daniel Evans vs. Filip Krajinovic, late
LATE MONDAY, ROUND OF 64
#9 Cameron Norrie d. Holger Rune, 7-6(5), 4-6, 6-4.
Frances Tiafoe d. #12 Matteo Berrettini, 7-6(3), 4-6, 7-6(5).
#13 Diego Schwartzman d. Alex Molcan, 5-7, 6-4, 6-2.
Denis Shapovalov d. #16 Grigor Dimitrov, 7-6(4), 6-3.

WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
Tereza Martincova vs. #2Anett Kontaveit, late
#4Maria Sakkari vs. Caroline Garcia, late
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 64
#10 Emma Raducanu vs. Serena Williams, late
#11Coco Gauff vs. Marie Bouzkova, late
Sorana Cirstea d. #12 Belinda Bencic, 6-2, 6-7(3), 6-4.
#14 Karolina Pliskova d. Venus Williams, 7-5, 6-1.
#15 Simona Halep vs. Anastasia Potapova, late
#16 Jelena Ostapenko vs. Beatriz Haddad Maia, late
Elise Mertens d. Anhelina Kalinina, 6-1, 6-1.
Zhang Shuai d. Naomi Osaka, 6-4, 7-5.
Anna Kalinskaya d. Martina Trevisan, 7-6(2), 7-5.
Shelby Rogers d. Sofia Kenin, 6-2, 6-1.
Marta Kostyuk d. Camila Giorgi, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4.
Yulia Putintseva vs. Madison Keys, late
LATE MONDAY, ROUND OF 64
Ekaterina Alexandrova d. #13 Leylah Fernandez, 6-4, 7-5.
Petra Kvitová d. Jill Teichman, 6-7(2), 7-6(6), 6-3.
Tereza Martincova d. Nuria Parrizas Diaz, 6-7(4), 6-4, 6-3.
Ajla Tomljanovic d. Taylor Townsend, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5.
Sloane Stephens d. Alize Cornet, 6-1, 6-0.

WTA ODLUM BROWN Tuesday at Hollyburn Country Club, Vancouver, outdoors, hard
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
#1 Madison Brengle vs. Lizette Cabrera, late
#4 Wang Xinyu d. Kristina Mladenovic, 6-4, 6-2.
#6 Rebecca Marino vs. Emma Navarro, late
Coco Vandeweghe vs. Kurumi Nara, late
Arianne Hartono vs. Eugenie Bouchard, late
Priscilla Horn vs. Marina Stakusic, late
LATE MONDAY, ROUND OF 32
#2 Lucia Bronzetti d. Yuriko Miyazaki, 6-2, 6-2.
Chloe Paquet d. Carol Zhao, 6-4, 6-2.

AUTO RACING

NASCAR CUP SERIES				
MANUFACTURERS STANDINGS				
RK	MAKE	PTS	PB	W
1	Chevrolet	879	—	13
2	Ford	811	-68	6
3	Toyota	800	-79	5

NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Positive outlook for Jets QB Wilson



Zach Wilson and the Jets received some good news after a few days of worrying about the quarterback's right knee. Wilson had arthroscopic surgery Tuesday to repair a torn meniscus and remains on track to return in a few weeks, according to reports. Wilson, who also has a bone bruise in the knee, flew to Los Angeles to have the procedure performed by Dr. Neal ElAttrache. Wilson's meniscus was trimmed, and ElAttrache reportedly found no additional damage than initially believed. That timeline means the Jets could still potentially have their starting quarterback for Week 1. However, the team will likely be cautious with Wilson. It was initially feared that the second-year quarterback suffered a serious — and potentially season-ending — knee injury during the Jets' 24-21 preseason opener against the Eagles on Friday. Tests after the game indicated the ACL in the knee was intact, and an MRI on Saturday revealed the bone bruise and torn meniscus. Joe Flacco could still start the regular-season opener against the Ravens — his former team — on Sept. 11 if Wilson isn't ready.

Rookie Pickens dazzles in debut

The secret might be out about Pittsburgh Steelers rookie wide receiver George Pickens. Pickens has been the talk of the team's training camp, as he has turned heads with his big-play ability through three weeks of workouts at St. Vincent College. The promising rookie was just as impressive in his professional debut, helping the offense to three first-half scoring drives during Pittsburgh's 32-25 preseason-opening win against Seattle on Saturday. Pickens was pleased with his first preseason game, but he's far from satisfied. "It's like a dream come true, but I feel like if you look at it like a dream come true, you'll kind of get stuck in your dream," Pickens said. "I don't really pay no mind. I just kind of keep working." Pickens finished the game with three receptions for 43 yards, including a highlight-reel 26-yard touchdown catch. "I've been doing the same thing I've been doing at practice," Pickens said. "Just to get the feel of the game ... that's really the most important part." Pickens has quickly built chemistry and trust with Mitch Trubisky, Mason Rudolph and Kenny Pickett, the three quarterbacks vying for the opportunity to replace the retired Ben Roethlisberger as the Steelers' new starter.

Tiger meets with players about LIV



The PGA Tour is in Delaware for the first time and the buzz still surrounded Tiger Woods, even if he didn't have clubs and wasn't even at the golf course. Woods flew to Wilmington on Tuesday afternoon for a private meeting of top players to discuss the threat of Saudi-funded LIV Golf, according to reports. The meeting was to get players on the same page against LIV Golf, along with taking more ownership in the direction of the PGA Tour. Woods flew up from his home in Florida with Rickie Fowler, who didn't qualify for the second FedEx Cup playoff event. The meeting was held away from Wilmington Country Club at a hotel. PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan wasn't invited. Monahan met with the players informally last week following a hearing in which a federal judge denied a request by three LIV Golf players seeking to play in the PGA Tour postseason. He also met with the players a week after the U.S. Open to details plans for big increases in prize money, qualifying changes and a new schedule. Woods has been a strong opponent of LIV Golf. —AP

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Good advice: Proceed with caution

Fans of some teams should temper high expectations

By **Ralph D. Russo**
Associated Press

Low expectations rarely disappoint. That's not to say your favorite team will fail to live up to the promise that comes with landing a spot in Associated Press preseason Top 25 college football poll that was released Monday. But numbers suggest it's best to sprinkle a healthy amount of caution on that optimism as you gear up for the 2022 season. Lear year was especially volatile for the Top 25, with 14 teams that started the season ranked finishing unranked. From 2010-20, on average, 9.5 teams that appeared in the preseason Top 25 finished unranked — about 38% of the picks. During that time, the most was 12 in 2010. In the preseason top 10 last year, three teams (Texas A&M, Iowa State and North Carolina) failed to make it into the final poll. That's double the average (1.5) from 2010-2020. Time to temper expectations for the preseason Top 25 this season — except for Alabama.

No. 1 Alabama (13-2 in 2021)

Opener: vs. Utah State, Sept. 3.
Reality check: The surest bet in sports is the Crimson Tide, who have only missed the playoff once. Alabama hasn't finished outside the top 10 since 2007, coach Nick Saban's first season. No reason to think it's happening this season.

No. 2 Ohio State (11-2)

Opener: vs. No. 5 Notre Dame, Sept. 3.
Reality check: The Buckeyes hired former Oklahoma State defensive coordinator Jim Knowles to fix a defense that was badly exposed against their best opponents. QB C.J. Stroud, WR Jaxson Smith-Njigba and a potent offense probably make Ohio State flop-proof, though.

No. 3 Georgia (14-1)

Opener: vs. No. 11 Oregon in Atlanta, Sept. 3.
Reality check: Most of last season's all-time great defense is now in the NFL. The Bulldogs are too talented to take a big step backward, but assuming Alabama-level consistency from any team is a lot to ask.

No. 4 Clemson (10-3)

Opener: vs. Georgia Tech in Atlanta, Sept. 5.
Reality check: Coming off their first non-ACC championship season in seven years, the Tigers are maybe the most intriguing team in the country. Clemson has two new coordinators and a former five-star quarterback (DJ Uiagalelei) trying to recover from a puzzlingly poor season. Voters are leaning toward last season being a blip for Dabo Swinney's team and not the start of a trend.

No. 5 Notre Dame (11-2)

Opener: at No. 2 Ohio State, Sept. 3.
Reality check: The Fighting Irish have established lofty standards with five straight 10-win seasons, but coach Marcus Freeman's first season as Brian Kelly's replacement has a lot of transition-year vibes.

No. 6 Texas A&M (8-4)

Opener: vs. Sam Houston, Sept. 3.
Reality check: The Aggies won the offseason with the No. 1 recruiting class and coach Jimbo Fisher going off on his former boss, Saban. They're also a team relying heavily on sophomores and those five-star freshmen and one with no established starting quarterback or big-play receivers.

No. 7 Utah (10-4)

Opener: at Florida, Sept. 3.
Reality check: The Utes are coming off their first Pac-12 title and Rose Bowl appearance, and have enough pieces back to do it again. But repeating a magical season is difficult



Quarterback C.J. Stroud, who finished fourth in voting for the Heisman Trophy last year, and the second-ranked Buckeyes face an early test Sept. 3 against No. 5 Notre Dame. **GETTY FILE**

for the vast majority of programs that don't regularly sign top-10 recruiting classes.

No. 8 Michigan (12-2)

Opener: vs. Colorado State, Sept. 3.
Reality check: The Wolverines broke through for coach Jim Harbaugh with a Big Ten title and victory over Ohio State in 2021. Now, with two new coordinators and a defense replacing three first-round draft picks, a repeat seems unlikely. An experienced offense and accommodating schedule gives Michigan a high floor.

No. 9 Oklahoma (11-2)

Opener: vs. UTEP, Sept. 3.
Reality check: New coach (Brent Venables), new quarterback (Dillon Gabriel) and more uncertainty in Norman than there has been in years. The Sooners have been one of the most reliable teams in the country for two decades, finishing unranked only twice. But turnover often comes with volatility.

No. 10 Baylor (12-2)

Opener: vs. Albany, Sept. 3.
Reality check: Another one of 2021's surprise breakout teams, the defending Big 12 champions hope to keep it up with strong line play. Still, the Big 12 is all about winning close games and the difference between playing for the title and finishing fourth is thin.

No. 11 Oregon (10-4)

Opener: vs. No. 3 Georgia in Atlanta, Sept. 3.
Reality check: Another highly ranked team with a new coach and quarterback. Former Georgia DC Dan Lanning inherits the most talented roster in the Pac-12. Transfer Bo Nix will try to bring stability to the quarterback position, which wasn't really his thing at Auburn.

No. 12 Oklahoma State (12-2)

Opener: vs. Central Michigan, Sept. 1.
Reality check: The Cowboys, a team buoyed by super seniors — especially on defense — in 2022, will need to lean heavily on their experienced offense. QB Spencer Sanders has had a long career filled with peaks and valleys.

No. 13 NC State (9-3)

Opener: at East Carolina, Sept. 3.
Reality check: The Wolfpack enter one of the most highly anticipated seasons for the program in recent history, with a loaded defense and star quarterback in Devin Leary. This is also program that has one double-digit victory season — ever.

No. 14 USC (5-7)

Opener: vs. Rice, Sept. 3.
Reality check: The star power at USC hasn't been this bright in a while with coach Lincoln Riley, QB Caleb Williams and WR Jordan Addison providing hope for an immediate turnaround. But the game is still about blocking and tackling and there are plenty of questions about the Trojans' ability to do either well.

No. 15 Michigan State (11-2)

Opener: vs. Western Michigan, Sept. 2.
Reality check: Coach Mel Tucker parlayed the Spartans' surprising surge last year into an enormous contract and the elevated expectations that go with it. Will regression come for the Spartans in 2022?

No. 16 Miami (7-5)

Opener: vs. Bethune-Cookman, Sept. 4.
Reality check: The U. brought back hometown hero Mario Cristobal to help build

the program back to its powerhouse past. He's got a pro prospect in QB Tyler Van Dyke to work with, but this is a lot of optimism for a team that has only finished ranked once in the last four seasons.

No. 17 Pitt (11-3)

Opener: vs. West Virginia, Sept. 1.
Reality check: Coming off an ACC title, the Panthers are hoping USC transfer Kedon Slovis can replicate Kenny Pickett's stellar 2021. He will have to do it without the departed Jordan Addison. Pitt hasn't finished consecutive seasons ranked since 1983.

No. 18 Wisconsin (9-4)

Opener: vs. Illinois State, Sept. 3.
Reality check: In three of the last four seasons, the Badgers have started the season ranked and finished it unranked. The formula of star running back (Braelon Allen) and staunch defense appears to be in place again, but can QB Graham Mertz finally find his blue-chip form?

No. 19 Arkansas (9-4)

Opener: vs. No. 23 Cincinnati, Sept. 3.
Reality check: Life in the SEC West is hard. The Razorbacks were overachievers last year, but things can flip fast. Especially with a rebuilt defense and a schedule that includes No. 23 Cincinnati and No. 25 BYU.

No. 20 Kentucky (10-3)

Opener: at Miami (Ohio), Sept. 3.
Reality check: Kentucky has found success in bullying teams up front. Turnover on both lines could make that tougher this season, even while QB Will Levis' NFL prospect status rises. The last time the Wildcats finished ranked in consecutive seasons ... 1977.

No. 21 Mississippi (10-3)

Opener: vs. Troy, Sept. 3.
Reality check: After the first 10-win regular season in school history, Ole Miss coach Lane Kiffin dived back into the transfer portal to rebuild his offense with QB Jaxson Dart, RB Zach Evans and OT Mason Brooks. Do the pieces come together again for the Portal King?

No. 22 Wake Forest (11-3)

Opener: vs. VMI, Sept. Sept. 1.
Reality check: The Demon Deacons have 13 starters returning from one of the best teams in school history. But as good as Wake was last year, the defense fell apart late and now the Deacs will have to make do for an indefinite stint without QB Sam Hartman.

No. 23 Cincinnati (13-1)

Opener: at No. 19 Arkansas, Sept. 3.
Reality check: Any remaining doubts about last year's Bearcats were buried on NFL draft night. Cincinnati had nine players selected, including five in the top 100. That's a mountain of difference-makers for any program not named Alabama to replace.

No. 24 Houston (12-2)

Opener: at UTSA, Sept. 3.
Reality check: The Cougars filled the promise of the Dana Holgorsen hire last year by playing for the American Athletic Conference title and are poised to be this season's G5 King. They also face a tricky early schedule that includes Texas Tech, and have to replace two big-time playmakers in DB Marcus Jones and DL Logan Hall.

No. 25 BYU (10-3)

Opener: at USF, Sept. 3.
Reality check: The Cougars won 10 games with a young team last year, which bodes well for this season. But, oh that schedule. BYU's last season as an independent before joining the Big 12 includes games against No. 10 Baylor, No. 11 Oregon, No. 5 Notre Dame, No. 19 Arkansas, Boise State and Stanford.

BUSINESS

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Over-the-counter sales of hearing aids to start soon

FDA ruling lifts requirement for patients to get medical exam, prescription

By Christina Jewett
The New York Times

The Food and Drug Administration decided Tuesday to allow hearing aids to be sold over the counter and without a prescription to adults, a long-sought wish of consumers frustrated by expensive exams and devices.

The high cost of hearing aids, which are not covered by basic Medicare, has discouraged millions of Americans who have hearing loss from buying the devices. Health experts say that untreated hearing loss can contribute to cognitive decline and depression in older people.

Under the new rule, people with mild to moderate hearing loss should be able to buy hearing aids online and in retail stores as soon as October, without being required to see a doctor for an exam to get a prescription.

The FDA cited studies estimating that about 30 million Americans experience hearing loss, but only about one-fifth of them get help. The changes could upend

the market, which is dominated by a relatively small number of manufacturers, and make it a broader field with less costly, and perhaps more innovative designs.

Current costs for hearing aids, which tend to include visits to an audiologist, range from about \$1,400 at Costco to roughly \$4,700 elsewhere.

“This could fundamentally change technology,” said Nicholas Reed, an audiologist at the Department of Epidemiology at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

The FDA’s final rule takes effect in 60 days. Industry representatives say device makers are largely ready to launch new products, though some may need time to update labeling and packaging or to comply with technical details in the rule.

Dr. Robert Califf, the FDA commissioner, said the move is meant to “unleash the power of American industry” in a way that could have global influence.

“Hearing loss has a profound impact on daily communication, social interaction and the overall health and quality of

life for millions of Americans,” Califf said during a Tuesday press briefing. “This is a tremendous worldwide problem where I think American ingenuity can make a huge difference.”

Federal officials estimated \$2,800 in savings on the cost of a pair of hearing aids.

Hearing loss is associated with cognitive decline, depression, isolation and other health problems in older adults. Yet the barriers to getting hearing help have included costs not covered by Medicare. There is also stigma — such as appearing “old” — that comes with use.

The move has rankled some of the nation’s audiologists, the professionals who guide people through the process of choosing the best hearing aid, adjusting the settings and achieving the right fit. But some in the profession see opportunity.

“The hearing health care professional is not going to go away,” said Barbara Kelley, executive director of the Hearing Loss Association of America, which represents audiologists and consumers. “The over-the-counter rule opens a new avenue.”

Walmart Q2 results top forecasts by Wall Street

By Anne D’Innocenzio
Associated Press

NEW YORK — With inflation hovering near levels not seen in 40 years, higher-income Americans turned to Walmart to cut costs on groceries while its lower-income customers swapped out deli meats for less expensive hot dogs and canned tuna.

That boosted second-quarter sales for Walmart, the company said Tuesday, but the downward shift at almost all points along the social spectrum cut into profit margins.

And the same forces shaping choices that Americans make about where they shop for food and what they eat are forcing Walmart to cut prices and clear huge inventories of things customers clamored for during the pandemic, such as TVs and casual clothing.

Retailers in 2022 have had to stay on top of shopping habits changed by rising costs and consumers that would rather spend money outside of the home as the pandemic eases.

The retailer beat Wall Street expectations and sales at stores open at least a year rose 6.5% as more Americans looked to trim spending in various ways through Walmart.

After being caught off guard by how quickly its customers pivoted, Walmart said it is making progress getting rid of excess inventory. The company Tuesday said the decline in profit that it forecast just a month ago will be smaller than it had feared.

Walmart Inc. is among the first major retailers to report quarterly results and is considered a crucial barometer of spending.

Walmart Inc. earned \$5.15 billion, or \$1.88 per share, or \$1.77 excluding one-time costs and charges. That easily beat the \$1.62 per share Wall Street was looking for, according to FactSet. It also topped last year’s profit of \$4.27 billion.

Sales rose 8.4% to \$152.86 billion, topping industry analyst projections.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Students freed of ITT Tech debt

WASHINGTON — Students who used federal loans to attend ITT Technical Institute as far back as 2005 will automatically get that debt canceled after authorities found “widespread and pervasive misrepresentations” at the defunct for-profit college chain, the Biden administration announced Tuesday.

The action will cancel \$3.9 billion in federal student debt for 208,000 borrowers, the Education Department said. The debt is being forgiven using a federal rule known as borrower defense, which is meant to protect students from colleges that make false advertising claims or otherwise commit fraud. A similar action in June promised to erase \$5.8 billion in debt related to Corinthian Colleges.

American to buy supersonic jets

DALLAS — American Airlines has agreed to buy up to 20 supersonic jets and put down a nonrefundable deposit on the planes, which are still on the drawing board and years away from flying.

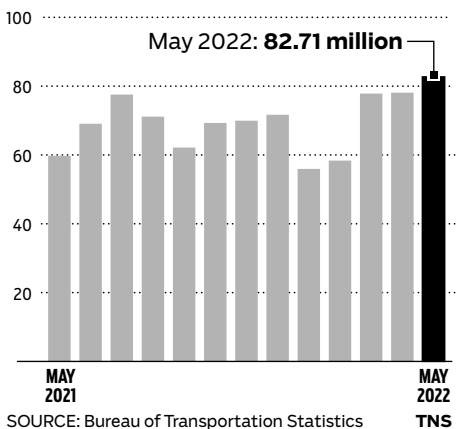
Neither American nor the manufacturer, Boom Supersonic, would provide financial details Tuesday, including the size of American’s deposit.

American, which also took options for 40 more Boom Overture planes, becomes the second U.S. customer for Boom after a similar announcement last year from United Airlines for 15 jets.

Boom says its plane will have a top speed of 1.7 times the speed of sound, or about 1,300 mph, and carry between 65 and 80 passengers.

Airline traffic

Monthly scheduled passengers on U.S. airline flights, international and domestic, scale in millions.



Laura Bassett, of Jezebel, has seen readership grow since the leaked draft of the opinion on abortion. MARY INHEA KANG/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Readers follow Roe v. Wade

Many flock to publications with feminist outlook in wake of Supreme Court’s reversal

By Katie Robertson
The New York Times

In the weeks since the Supreme Court reversed Roe v. Wade, overturning the right to abortion after almost 50 years, the consequences have quickly rippled through American life.

States have banned abortion or restricted access. Individual stories about the real-life effects have become national headlines.

And through each big news development, readers have flocked to women-centric publications that support abortion rights to understand how it will shape their lives.

Jezebel, a feminist website started by Gawker Media in 2007, saw an 18% increase in traffic after a leaked draft of the decision was published by Politico in May.

The 19th, which covers gender and politics and takes its name from the 19th Amendment, reported a 63% jump in readership for its abortion-related stories.

And The Cut, New York magazine’s women’s site, said traffic to its abor-

tion-rights coverage increased nearly threefold in June compared with the previous month.

The surge of readers has buoyed a part of the digital media world that has declined in recent years, with many sites aimed at women closing down.

Now readers are hunting out a feminist perspective and looking to writers who have closely covered the fight over abortion rights for years.

“We are able to cover this in an unflinching and honest way, with a perspective that I think a lot of traditional media outlets sort of aren’t able to do,” said Laura Bassett, the editor in chief of Jezebel.

Alexandra Smith, audience director of The 19th, which was founded in 2020, said growth in traffic had been “exponential.”

She said an increase in search traffic had continued well after the June 24 court decision, with readers now looking for information on how the decision could affect access to Plan B and intrauterine devices. They were also looking to read about the effects on other civil rights, such as marriage equality.

Priyanka Mantha, a spokeswoman for New York magazine, said The Cut had increased coverage of abortion in anti-

pation of the Dobbs decision, including putting together the cover story for the May 23 issue: “This Magazine Can Help You Get an Abortion,” which offers a guide for access to abortion, legal help and aid.

Mantha said traffic to abortion-rights coverage at The Cut had sharply increased in June, though engagement dipped last month.

Jezebel has focused on explainers and news updates and has spotlighted local news reporting.

Jezebel saw the most traffic to its website all year in June, the month the Supreme Court handed down its decision, according to Mark Neschis, a spokesman for G/O Media, owner of Jezebel.

Jessica Valenti, a feminist writer and author, has turned her focus recently to delivering a daily roundup of abortion-related updates to readers of her Substack newsletter, All in Her Head, after hearing from many that they felt overwhelmed by the torrent of news around the country.

Valenti, a co-founder of the now-shuttered blog Feministing, said that since the Supreme Court decision, the number of free subscribers to her newsletter had gone up more than 30%, while the number of paid subscribers had jumped 70%.

Trump Org. CFO expected to plead guilty

By Michael R. Sisak
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Donald Trump’s longtime finance chief is expected to plead guilty as soon as Thursday in a tax evasion case that is the only criminal prosecution to arise from a long-running investigation into the former president’s company, three people familiar with the matter said.

Trump Organization CFO Allen Weisselberg was scheduled to be tried in October on allegations he took more than \$1.7 million in off-the-books compensation from the company, including rent, car payments and school tuition.

Prosecutors in the Manhattan district attorney’s office and Weisselberg’s lawyers

met Monday with the judge overseeing the case, according to court records. The judge scheduled a hearing Thursday morning but did not specify the reason.

The people who spoke to the AP did so on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly about the case. They said the purpose of Thursday’s hearing was for Weisselberg to enter a guilty plea, but cautioned that plea deals sometimes fall apart before they are finalized in court.

Weisselberg’s lawyer, Nicholas Gravante, told The New York Times on Monday that Weisselberg has been engaged in plea negotiations to resolve the case, but did not specify terms of a potential deal. Reached by the AP, Gravante declined to comment.

The Times, citing two people with knowledge of the matter, said Weisselberg was expected to receive a five-month jail sentence, which would make him eligible for release after about 100 days. The deal would not require Weisselberg to testify or cooperate in any way with an ongoing criminal investigation into Trump’s business practices.

Trump’s company, the Trump Organization, is also charged in the case but did not appear to be involved in the plea agreement talks. Weisselberg and the Trump Organization have pleaded not guilty.

The Manhattan district attorney’s office declined comment. A message seeking comment was left with a lawyer for the Trump Organization.

BUSINESS



Debbie Tucker shops at Target on Aug. 1 in St. Paul, Minnesota. Target Corp. aims to add more Black-owned vendors to its store shelves. RENEÉ JONES SCHNEIDER/STAR TRIBUNE

Target following through on diversity after Floyd’s death

By Nicole Norfleet
Star Tribune

MINNEAPOLIS — Target Corp. earmarked billions of dollars for Black businesses and communities to address racial equity issues after the police killing of George Floyd two years ago.

The Minneapolis-based retailer made strides in that time, but a review of its benchmarks shows it still has a way to go to meet all of its goals.

Target increased its share of Black company officers, added more year-round products by Black entrepreneurs and expanded its base of contractors. While some experts suggest retailers’ interest in diversity is declining, Target executives vow to stay the course.

“You would never have a financial office that didn’t set goals,” said Kiera Fernandez, Target’s chief diversity and inclusion officer. “We have to have that same mindset when we think of diversity, equity and inclusion.”

Target leaders say they had already begun work to better serve Black workers and customers when

Floyd’s murder on May 25, 2020, led to more calls for action about ending the unfair treatment of Black people in America.

In 2020, Target formed the Racial Equity Action and Change committee to spearhead some new visions, such as creating retail environments in which Black customers felt welcomed and finding ways to help grow the prosperity of Black communities.

Target has since added more tangible benchmarks and financial commitments, including promising to contribute \$100 million through 2025 to Black-led organizations; spend more than \$2 billion on Black-owned businesses, including marketing agencies and construction companies, by the end of 2025; and spend 5% of Target’s annual media budget on Black-owned media this year.

Target is not the only company to focus more on diversity and equity since Floyd’s death.

Retailers including Nordstrom, Sephora, Macy’s, Ulta Beauty and the Gap, have accepted the Fifteen Percent Pledge, which was launched in 2020, to advo-

cate for Black businesses to make up 15% of retailers’ shelf space.

“The pandemic mixed with social changes has made many consumers demand more from their retailers,” said Kim Sovell, a marketing professor at the University of St. Thomas. “I’m not talking about good prices. I’m talking about thoughtfulness.”

According to McKinsey & Co., nearly half of consumers they recently surveyed believe companies should pledge to support Black-owned brands and vendors with a larger percentage of younger consumers, including Gen Zers and millennials, thinking that’s important.

Also, Black consumers have hundreds of billions of dollars of buying power that they are willing to redirect, research shows.

At Target, one of the REACH committee’s big priorities has been to increase the variety of products by Black founders. Target offers more than 100 Black-owned items,. Target now aims to sell more than 500 products from Black-owned businesses by the end of 2025.

Judge revives Obama-era ban on coal leases of federal lands

By Matthew Brown
Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. — A federal judge reinstated a moratorium on coal leasing from federal lands that was imposed under former President Barack Obama and then scuttled under former President Donald Trump, in an order that marked a major setback to the already struggling coal industry.

The ruling last week from U.S. District Judge Brian Morris requires government officials to conduct a new environmental review before they can resume coal sales from federal lands. Morris faulted the government’s previous review of the program, done under Trump, for failing to adequately consider the climate damage from coal’s greenhouse gas emissions and other effects.

Almost half the nation’s annual coal production — some 260 million tons last year — is mined by private companies from leases on federal land, primarily in Western states.

Few coal leases were sold in recent years after demand for the fuel shrank drastically. But the industry’s opponents had urged Morris to revive the moratorium to ensure it can’t make a comeback as wildfires, drought, rising sea levels and other effects of climate change worsen.

Coal combustion for electricity remains one of the top sources of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions, even after many power plants shut down over the past decade because of concerns over pollution and changing economic conditions.

The coal program put about \$400 million into federal and state coffers through royalties and other payments in 2021, according to government data. It supports thousands of



An excavator works a coal mine in Decker, Montana. Officials must conduct a new environmental review before resuming coal leases on federal lands. MATTHEW BROWN/AP 2013

jobs and has been fiercely defended by industry representatives, Republicans in Congress and officials in coal-producing states.

Among President Joe Biden’s first actions was to suspend oil and gas lease sales — a move later blocked by a federal judge — and he faced pressure from environmental groups to take similar action against coal.

The administration last year launched a review of climate damage from coal mining on public lands as it expanded scrutiny of government fossil fuel sales that contribute to greenhouse gas emissions.

But no changes had been announced as a result of that review.

“This decision gives the Biden administration the opportunity to make good on its commitment to seriously battle the climate crisis,” said Earthjustice attorney Jenny Harbine, who represented environmental groups and the Northern Cheyenne Tribe in the case. “No progress has been made to reform the program or do what’s needed to phase out existing leases.”

The Northern Cheyenne

Reservation in southeastern Montana is near several major strip mines. Tribal members have long fought further development.

Tribal President Serena Wetherelt said in a statement that Biden and Interior Secretary Deb Haaland need to fulfill their trust obligation and take a hard look at the effects of the U.S. federal lands energy program.

“Our lands and waters mean everything to us,” Wetherelt said.

National Mining Association President Rich Nolan said the industry lobbying group would appeal Friday’s ruling.

“This is a deeply disappointing decision with energy-driven inflation, energy affordability and energy security top concerns for Americans,” Nolan said.

Extracting and burning fossil fuels from federal land generates the equivalent of 1.4 billion tons annually of the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide, according to a 2018 report from the U.S. Geological Survey.

That’s equivalent to almost one-quarter of total U.S. carbon dioxide emissions.

MARKET RUNDOWN

Wednesday, August 17, 2022

▲ DOW

34,152.01 +239.57

▲ 10-YR T-BOND

2.81% +.02

▼ GOLD

\$1,773.20 -8.20

Dow Jones Industrials

Close: 34,152.01

Change: 239.57 (0.7%)

10 DAYS

Commodities

	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
FUELS			
Crude Oil (bbl)	86.53	89.41	+15.05%
Natural Gas (mm btu)	9.33	8.73	+150.11%
Unleaded Gas (gal)	2.90	2.95	+30.18%
METALS			
Gold (oz)	1,773.20	1,781.40	-2.97%
Silver (oz)	20.07	20.25	-13.99%

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

Foreign Exchange

	ForEx in U.S. \$	U.S. \$ in ForEx
Britain	1.2090	.8272
Canada	.7783	1.2848
China	.1473	6.7882
Euro	1.0169	.9834
Japan	.007449	134.25
Mexico	.050240	19.9045

Money Rates

	CLOSE	PREV.	WK.
Prime rate	5.50	5.50	
3-mo. T-Bill	2.66	2.53	
6-mo. T-Bill	3.10	3.07	
5-yr T-Note	2.95	2.97	
10-yr T-Note	2.81	2.83	
30-yr T-Bond	3.09	3.06	

Global Markets

	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	%YTD
Frankfurt		---	%	-13.02%
London	7,536.06	+26.91	+36%	+2.05%
Hong Kong	19,830.52	-210.34	-1.05%	-15.25%
Nikkei	28,868.91	-2.87	-.01%	+27%

Domestic Indexes

	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD
DOW Indus.	34,152.01	+239.57	-6.02%
DOW Trans.	15,209.96	+111.48	-7.70%
DOW Util.	1,053.86	+3.24	+7.45%
NYSE Comp.	15,846.79	+52.46	-7.68%
Nasdaq Comp.	13,102.55	-25.50	-16.25%
S&P 500	4,305.20	+8.06	-9.67%
S&P 400	2,635.18	+16.29	-7.28%
Wilshire 5000	43,108.65	+81.84	-11.04%
Russell 2000	2,020.53	-.82	-10.01%

Stocks of Local Interest						
STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG	STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG. YTD %CHG
AMC Entertainment A (AMC)	24.81	+.60	-8.8	Magic Empire Gbl (MEGL)	14.01	-3.72 -88.0
AMTE IDEA Group LP (AMTD)	2.81	+.55	-32.8	MetLife Inc (MET)	67.66	+.32 +8.3
AT&T Inc (T)	18.57	+.18	-24.5	Mullen Automotive (MULN)	.90	-.01 -82.9
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	100.20	-.81	-30.4	My Size Inc (MYSZ)	.34	+.08 -33.3
Amazon.com Inc (AMZN)	144.78	+1.60	-13.2	Novartis AG (NVS)	85.82	+.44 -1.9
Amphenol Corp (APH)	79.57	-.06	-9.0	Nu Holdings Ltd (NU)	5.52	+.84 -41.2
Apple Inc (AAPL)	173.03	-.16	-2.6	Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)	188.79	-1.53 -35.8
Avangrid Inc (AGR)	51.63	+.52	+3.5	Otis Worldwide Corp (OTIS)	81.32	-.23 -6.6
Bank of America (BAC)	36.64	+.39	-17.6	Palantir Technol (PLTR)	9.74	-.17 -46.5
Barnes Group (B)	35.53	+.39	-23.7	Pfizer Inc (PFE)	49.86	+.11 -15.6
Bed Bath &Beynd (BBBY)	20.65	+4.65	+41.6	Pitney Bowes (PBI)	3.49	+.02 -47.4
Blue Apron Holdings (APRN)	5.38	+.75	-20.1	Prudential Fncl (PRU)	105.18	+.36 -2.8
Booking Holdings (BKNG)	2151.34	+21.58	-10.3	Pub Svc Ent Gp (PEG)	68.79	-.04 +3.1
Brist Myr Sqb (BMY)	74.13	-.40	+18.9	Raytheon Technolog (RTX)	95.05	-1.08 +10.4
CVS Health Corp (CVS)	106.43	+.16	+3.2	Rogers Corp (ROG)	269.65	-.03 -1.2
Carnival Corp (CCL)	11.19	+.48	-44.4	Roblox Corp (RBLX)	47.76	-1.20 -53.7
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	44.39	-.02	-18.2	SS&C Technologies (SSNC)	62.50	-.19 -23.8
Charter Commun (CHTR)	482.83	+1.91	-25.9	Sea Ltd (SE)	77.43	-12.54 -65.4
Cigna Corp (CI)	290.61	-.26	+26.6	Shopify Inc (SHOP)	39.58	-.26 ---
Comcast Group A (CMCSA)	40.36	-.21	-19.8	Snap Inc A (SNAP)	12.61	+.37 -73.2
ContextLogic Inc (WISH)	1.77	+.11	-43.1	SoFi Technologies (SOFI)	7.58	-.04 -52.1
Disney (DIS)	124.96	+.70	-19.3	Stwnstn Energy (SWN)	7.50	+.26 +60.9
EMCOR Group Inc (EME)	122.40	+1.01	-3.9	Stanley Black & Deck (SWK)	103.58	+2.04 -45.1
Eargo Inc (EAR)	2.02	+.88	-60.4	Starwood Prop Trust (STWD)	24.34	+.05 +.2
Embank Technology (EMBK)	.83	+.10	-90.5	Terex Corp (TEX)	38.06	+.47 -13.4
Endo Intl plc (ENDP)	.37	-.00	-90.2	Tesla Inc (TSLA)	919.69	-8.27 -13.0
Ethan Allen (ETD)	26.45	+.46	+.6	Tilray Brands Inc (TLRY)	4.20	-.09 -40.3
Eversource Energy (ES)	93.58	+.27	+2.9	Travelers Cos (TRV)	173.52	+1.36 +10.9
Ford Motor (F)	16.43	+.11	-20.9	T2 Biosystems (TTOO)	.16	-.04 -68.6
fuboTV Inc (FUBO)	6.35	+1.97	-59.1	Uber Technologies (UBER)	32.38	-.11 -22.8
FuelCell Energy (FCEL)	4.92	-.25	-5.4	United Rentals (URI)	339.31	+1.79 +2.1
Gen Dynamics (GD)	241.48	+.23	+15.8	UnitedHealth Group (UNH)	546.12	+1.48 +3.8
Gen Electric (GE)	81.07	+1.26	-14.2	Vinco Ventures Inc (BBIG)	1.13	+.42 -80.2
Ginkgo Bioworks Hldg (DNA)	3.74	+.25	-55.0	Virtus Invest (VRTS)	219.76	-1.21 -26.0
Hartford Fn Sv (HIG)	69.69	+.81	+.9	Voya Financial (VOYA)	64.44	+.16 -2.8
Honeywell Intl (HON)	203.67	+1.42	-2.3	WalMart Strs (WMT)	139.37	+6.77 -3.7
Horizon Tech Fin (HRZN)	13.81	-.05	-13.3	Warner Bros Disc A (WBD)	13.69	+.57 -44.5
Infosys Ltd (INFY)	20.15	+.04	-20.4	Webster Financial (WBS)	50.18	+.54 -10.1
Intel Corp (INTC)	36.19	-.15	-29.7	White Mtns Insur (WTM)	1294.38	-1.11 +27.7
Invitae Corp (NVTA)	4.45	-.56	-70.9	World Wrestling Ent (WWE)	73.26	+1.09 +48.5
Kaman (KAMN)	35.27	+1.03	-18.3	XPO Logistics Inc (XPO)	61.08	+.60 -21.1
Keycorp (KEY)	19.78	+.33	-14.5	Xerox Holdings Corp (XRX)	19.24	+.13 -15.0
Lincoln Natl Corp (LNC)	51.13	+.73	-25.1			
M&T Bank (MTB)	191.41	+1.16	+24.6			
MGM Resorts Intl (MGM)	36.17	+.63	-19.4			

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Dancers Harmony Kickingwoman, 6, left, and Braylin Kickingwoman, 7, at the 122nd annual Arlee Celebration powwow in Arlee, Montana. TAILYR IRVINE/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS

Celebration in full bloom

Families spend summer traveling to perform on the powwow trail

By Tailyr Irvine
The New York Times

Siliye Pete, a member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai tribes, wore an outfit that represented not only herself but her family and tribe. In addition to hair ties made by her stepmother, her otter skins were a gift from her father, her necklace was made by her mother and her bracelets came from her niece. She held a pink umbrella that matched her sparkling-pink acrylic nails. The otter skins wrapped around her braids were tied with pink beaded hair ties, and a pink shawl was draped around her shoulders.

“Everyone knows pink is my color,” said Pete, a 24-year-old teacher. “My stepmom made the hair ties, and I made the rest of my outfit to match them. My nails were just a vibe for the summer.”

Pete was one of hundreds of dancers attending the 122nd annual Arlee Celebration powwow held over the Fourth of July weekend in Arlee, Montana, a town of fewer than 600 in the valley of the Flathead Reservation, which spans nearly 1.3 million acres of mountainous landscape and rolling hills. The celebration — a mix of dance and drum competitions, traditional ceremonies and games — serves as a space for multiple tribes to gather to compete, eat traditional foods, meet new babies and visit with relatives and old friends.

The five-day event, hosted by the Confederated Salish and Kootenai tribes, which have approximately 8,000 members, began with a memorial dance. A procession of tribal members entered the arena holding photographs of loved ones who had died the year before, as each of the names was read over a loudspeaker.

The next day, the small town



Chicken dance performer Ansen Eagletail, 14, wears a headpiece that once belonged to his grandfather.

welcomed hundreds of dancers and singers from across the United States and Canada to compete in categories divided by age groups. Children, teenagers, men, women and elders each participated in fancy dance, traditional style, chicken dance, grass dance and jingle dance, with outfits designed for specific categories.

Fancy dance outfits for both men and women are known for elaborate ribbon design and bright colors that swirl while they perform footwork with increasing speed, and acrobatic steps and motions based on a double step.

In contrast, those competing in traditional style wear garments that are more subdued, matching the controlled nature of the women’s traditional dance, which involves bending the knees with a slight up-and-down motion of the body. The chicken dance replicates the strut of a prairie chicken, while the grass dance, with outfits distinguished by their long fringe that

sways as the dancer moves, is meant to imitate the stamping of grass.

Jingle dresses, worn to perform the jingle dance, are recognizable by the unique pattern of hanging metal cones, or jingles, that create the distinctive sound for which the dress is named.

Because of the pandemic, this summer is the first in two years that many families were able to travel for the powwow season, which begins in April and ends in September. Families, dancers and singers from across the country spend the summer living out of their vehicles, camping and traveling the circuit of powwows, known as the powwow trail, with these gatherings held by different tribal communities every weekend throughout the season.

The Kickingwoman family, from the Blackfeet Reservation in Montana, spent the months before the powwow season preparing for a summer on the road, attending a different powwow each weekend. “We don’t work in the summer.

This is what we do; this is how we make money,” said George Kickingwoman, a Blackfeet singer in the drum group Black Lodge. The Kickingwoman children compete in the dances while their father sings. In addition to the dance competitions, powwows host singing contests for drum groups. All categories have prizes that often include cash as well as blankets and beadwork.

For Rachel Arlee Bowers, 80, an elder whose family the town is named after, seeing the arena full of dancers was healing. “Dancing is prayer,” Arlee Bowers said. “We pray and dance for the people who can’t be there. Those that are sick and those that want to dance but can’t. People like me.”

Sitting in a wheelchair in her traditional buckskin dress with her Chihuahua, Tiny, on her lap, Arlee Bowers recalled when Native Americans were not allowed to practice their religion and were persecuted for conducting tribal ceremonies. It was not until 1978, when Congress passed the American Indian Religious Freedom Act, that Native Americans were allowed to exercise their right to traditional ceremonies and celebrations.

Given that legacy, passing down pieces of regalia from generation to generation means much more to Ansen Eagletail, a 14-year-old chicken dancer who wore a headpiece called a roach that once belonged to his grandfather. It’s one of the oldest pieces in his family, and its history makes it Ansen’s favorite. His family, of the Tsuut’ina Nation in Alberta, spend their summers on the powwow trail. The Arlee powwow is the fourth of 13 powwows the family plans to attend this summer.

Like Ansen, many dancers collect pieces over their lifetimes, and as they grow, their outfits change with them — serving as a reflection of both their past and present selves.

“You keep putting things together, changing them and mixing it up,” said Bob Woodcock, a 59-year-old Salish traditional dancer. “It takes a lifetime.”

EX-ETIQUETTE

Some soul-searching needed to build familial feelings

By Jann Blackstone
Tribune News Service

Q: My husband and I have been married for three years. He and I both had sons about the same age from a previous marriage and now we have a daughter who is almost 2. His son is quite a handful. We see him every other weekend for a night or two. He doesn’t feel like part of our family, and I often forget to include him in casual

conversation. This upsets my husband, and we get in terrible fights — but how can you care for a child who only comes to your home every two weeks? What’s good ex-etiquette?

A: You are asking me about your personal mindset, and all I can really do from my laptop is talk to you about the mental preparation done prior to marrying a partner with a child. It sounds like your husband is resentful of your atti-

tude. His son isn’t an afterthought. He’s part of your family. And, if it doesn’t feel like it, you may have to do some soul-searching.

You didn’t just fall in love with your husband. Just as there is a courting period when you date someone, there is a courting period when meeting their children. You put in the effort. You learn their likes and dislikes, you include them in family plans, and then, after time, hopefully you

develop fondness for one another.

So my question to you would be, what have you done to get to know this little boy prior to his coming to your home? Who are YOU to HIM? Have you taken him out for ice cream, just you and him? Talked to him about what he likes or doesn’t like with no one else around? Set up play dates so he can get to know your son? Does he have his own space at your



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home, or is he treated like a visitor? If the answer is no to most of these questions, it’s no wonder you don’t think of him as part of the family. You have to get in

there. And, if you do, you will see a difference in your husband’s attitude. He will see you are doing what you can to accept and include his son.

From 2 motels, a new family is created

Couple found love at their side-by-side Jersey Shore resorts

By Amy S. Rosenberg
The Philadelphia Inquirer

WILDWOOD CREST, N.J. — Paul and Alethea Pawlowski aren't kidding when they describe the side-by-side motels their respective families have run for decades in the Crest as family resorts.

From two motels — the Stefanide/Roy clan running things at the V.I.P. (Visitors in Paradise), the Pawlowskis in charge at the Compass — they created a new family.

For proof, there's Juliana, the baby, born just days after Labor Day 2021, who's now got the run of both places, their own Eloise in a Jersey Shore motel, living atop the Compass office, a daughter they call Little Miss 6500, as in the 6500 block of Atlantic Avenue, where both motels sit.

She's heir to both thrones: queen of the concrete safari animals over at the Compass; captain of the wooden pirate ship over at the V.I.P.

Even the families that return every summer to the concrete and steel mid-century havens a block from the beach are beaming.

"That baby is absolutely beautiful," says Luann Rogers, whose family fills eight rooms at the V.I.P., and has every summer since 1981. "And here's Alethea — three generations running the same motel. I remember seeing her growing up, and her brother."

In fact, Alethea, 34, is the fourth generation of the same family at the V.I.P., and Juliana will be the fifth. Alethea's great-grandmother, Katherine Hammond Stefanide, and grandparents built the motel in 1964, opening in 1965. Back then it was beachfront, before an entire block, Ocean Avenue, was filled in and developed.

The families that run



Paul and Alethea Pawlowski play with their daughter, Juliana, on July 17 at Alethea's family's motel, the V.I.P. (Visitors in Paradise), in Wildwood Crest, New Jersey. DAVID MAIALETTI/THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

Jersey Shore motels are a tight-knit community, running on three months of shared adrenaline and crises, close with one another and close to their longtime guests.

"There are no secrets," says Paul, 36. "Everybody has a website. We are the furthest thing from competitors. If we hear Imperial 500 is having an issue, we'll go and give them a hand. We'll share maids even if that's what it takes to help out."

Typically, the back-of-the-house kids spend their summers playing with the children of guests who rotate in.

Over at the V.I.P., they placed a plaque this year in room 206 in memory of Helen Dunn, who stayed there for all but a few of the 57 years the motel has been open, said Melissa Roy, Alethea's mom.

"I always said my summer started when I heard Mrs. Dunn's voice," Roy recalled.

It's that kind of place. Alethea says she would write to her summer friends over the off-season and check the calendar of bookings to see which friends were expected next. She'd be working, too, cleaning rooms as a teenager to save up to get wristbands to go to Morey's Piers.

But it was Paul Pawlowski, who arrived as a teenager with his family at the height of the 2000 season when the Pawlowskis unexpectedly bought the Compass next door, who caught Alethea's eye once and for all.

The spark was kindled in the off-season. They'd known each other casually,

Alethea's brother playing poker with Paul and his brother over at the V.I.P. office, Alethea coming in the next morning to find the beer cans as evidence.

They were all friends as teenagers. In the off-season, the Pawlowskis returned to their home in North Jersey, while Alethea stayed in Cape May County.

In December 2007, Alethea's nana, Joanne Stefanide, died at age 71, after a tree in her backyard fell on her. She'd been the heart and soul of the V.I.P., marrying into the Stefanide family and running the place with her daughter, Melissa, and later her granddaughter, Alethea.

"During that time of grieving, I thought of Paul," Alethea said. "I don't know why. I reached out to him."

His family, it turned out, had also suffered a loss, his

uncle.

Their first date was at the Menz Restaurant out in Rio Grande.

Their second was the traveling bodies exhibit, in Atlantic City. Before long, they had scratched their names in the concrete in front of the motels: Paul + Alethea.

"We were very cautious," Alethea said. "We didn't want to get too emotionally involved and have something end badly."

Turns out, the familiarity of the families had prepared them all for their love story, waiting like a freshly cleaned room with southern exposure (at the V.I.P) or one that gets the afternoon shade (the Compass, facing north).

"I always had a feeling it was going to happen one day," said Irene Pawlowski, Paul's mom, and one of

Juliana's many motel babysitters. "They're so happy together."

They are lovely places to create a family, or to nurture one, so many memories baked into every square foot, family at the heart. As so many motels become condos, these families at the heart of Wildwood Crest summers are moving on.

But not at the V.I.P and Compass.

Emerging halfway out of the pool pit, doing repairs, is Alethea's dad, Roland Roy, a former Wildwood detective who married into the Stefanide family.

"My son grew up playing with their son, which was nice," said Roy. "Alethea and Paul are a good team."

He thinks Juliana will grow up to be the fifth generation at the V.I.P., a place anchored by its strong matriarchal line.

He also thinks there is logic in combining the properties eventually, though for now Alethea is running things with her mom over at the V.I.P., and Paul and his brother oversee the Compass.

"My suggestion there would be to knock down both places and build a mega resort," he said.

Roy grew up in Wildwood and remembers the neon lights when his dad would bring him downtown. He met Alethea's mom when she worked at City Hall. True love is never too far away for these locals.

The shared values of running the summer motels, the hard work, the loyalty, devotion to guests, to cleanliness and to good humor above all, is as good a foundation as any for a marriage, he said.

Sometime soon, Paul, Alethea and Juliana will be making the big move from above the Compass to brand-new residence quarters over at the V.I.P., said Alethea's mom, Melissa. And she and Roland will also be moving onto the island to live at the V.I.P.

Like the sign says, a family motel.

ASK THE PEDIATRICIAN

What you should know about SIDS and how to prevent it

Dr. Michael Goodstein
American Academy of Pediatrics

Q: I've been reading about SIDS and wonder if some babies are at greater risk for it? How do I prevent it?
A: Thousands of U.S. babies die suddenly and unexpectedly each year, usually during sleep. Sometimes, the cause is found, such as when bedding or other items near them blocks breathing.



DREAMSTIME

Other times, such as with sudden infant death syndrome, or SIDS, the exact cause can't be determined. But while we don't yet know exactly what causes SIDS, also called unexplained sudden death in infancy, there are some risk factors we know about.

It's important to know that risk factors are findings that are associated with an increased or decreased likelihood of SIDS, but are not the cause of the death. Some risk factors, including many related to the sleep environment, can be changed to lower your baby's risk. Other risk factors cannot be changed.

Researchers have been hard at work trying to unlock the secrets of SIDS for over 50 years, and much progress has been made. But it is very hard to study when we can't predict these tragedies before they happen, and they mostly occur while everyone is asleep.

Our best working model is the triple risk hypothesis, which proposes three factors in these deaths: 1) an underlying abnormality or immaturity in the baby's breathing or sleep waking systems; 2) a critical period of development (first months of life); and 3) environmental factors or stressors (such as stomach

or side sleeping, overheating or covering the nose and mouth). Each death results from the interaction of multiple factors.

For many of these tragic deaths, it seems the baby cannot wake up or arouse enough to move their head when they are not getting enough oxygen. However, we also know there are other reasons these babies die. Up to 10% of SIDS deaths are due to sudden irregular heartbeats; some may be related to specific abnormalities in the brain. Some may be triggered by an abnormal immune response to infection. Still others may be related to seizures and some may have a genetic component.

Unfortunately, there is no test to help predict or prevent SIDS at this time. Although there is no "SIDS gene," many genes have been identified that may play a role in certain SIDS cases. There are genes related to some cardiac arrhythmias, others that affect brain chemicals (neurotransmitters) involved in sleep arousals (a baby's ability to wake up) and others that impact immune response to infection, to name a few.

The best thing you can do for your baby at this time is create a safe sleep environment to minimize the risk of SIDS and to prevent issues like suffocation.

Babies are safest sleeping on their backs, close to but separate from the parents (room sharing, not bed sharing) in an uncluttered crib, bassinet or play yard (no pillows, loose blankets, stuffed animals, etc.). There should be nothing in the sleep area but a firm, flat non-inclined mattress with a fitted sheet.

A number of other safe sleep recommendations can help. These include having a smoke-free environment, letting your baby use a pacifier, keeping them up to date on recommended immunizations and breastfeeding or the use of human milk. Providing human milk to your baby for at least two months can decrease the risk of SIDS by 50%.

As scientists continue to search for more information about how SIDS happens, minimize risk factors as much as possible to help prevent these tragic deaths. And don't hesitate to talk with your pediatrician about keeping your sleeping baby safe.

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Service staff wearing tuxedos leaves reader with questions



Judith Martin
Miss Manners

Dear Miss Manners: My dear friend has a job as a bartender and is working a lot of banquets right now. On the job, he is supposed to (and does) wear a tuxedo, even if the event is during the day. Today, he told me that he started work at 9:30 a.m., wearing his tuxedo.

Should the management ask him and his team to wear something different at events before 6 p.m.? And if so, what? What is the femme-wear equivalent for other people who work at these venues and events? Or does everyone just wear tuxedos?

What about the banquet guests? When they see the tuxedos, won't they worry that they are underdressed? If some people are wearing formalwear, shouldn't everybody? Do you think that situations like this erode the formal mystique of the tuxedo?

Gentle reader: American diplomatic history contains examples of the confusion between formal clothes worn socially and those worn by service people. When court dress was expected at European state functions, Americans considered it unseemly for the representatives of a democracy, so American diplomats were instructed to wear ordinary evening clothes.

Consequently, one such official was asked by a lady guest whether he was the butler. "No," he snapped. "Are you the chambermaid?"

As another was leaving a court function in London, a fellow guest demanded,

"Call me a cab!"

"You're a cab, sir," replied the American diplomat, adding, "At least you had the courtesy not to ask me to call you a hansom cab."

So the answer is that yes, there is something strange about the similarity between the now-usual formal dress and that worn by servers. And if the men are confused, it is worse for women servers. For a long time, they were not hired for formal service at all. Later, the solution was to dress them like men, which strikes Miss Manners as demeaning — although obviously women's formal evening clothes would be a disaster for someone handling trays.

Waiters wear black clothes for the excellent reason that they don't show stains, an advantage also for those who attend black-tie dinners.

Whether this dress code erodes what you call a mystique depends on whether you believe there is much of a mystique left after high school prom-goers and grownup movie stars show off their bizarre interpretations of formality.

It would be nice if a dignified formal unisex uniform would be designed for service in formal restaurants. Meanwhile, should the rule barring evening clothes before dark for those out partying apply to others who are hard at work? If they are going to wear dinner suits during the day, Miss Manners is not going to burden them with having to change from the daytime equivalent — featuring cutaway coats — at sundown.

Dear Miss Manners: Occasionally I receive postcards in the mail, and when my roommate gets the mail,

he will inevitably read them. I know he reads them because he will ask detailed questions about the contents of the sender's message.

When I pointed out that this was essentially reading my mail, he said that nothing private would be written on a postcard anyway, and so it's OK for him to read it. This is true to a certain extent, but not always.

Is it rude to purposely read someone's postcards and comment on them? Is it better, if you read them, to at least pretend you didn't?

Gentle reader: The rule is clear: Do not read other people's mail. And yes, that applies not only to postcards and letters, but also to email, texts and little notes tucked into lunchboxes.

Miss Manners would think that it should be obvious to anyone living in the 21st century that these forms are not safe from snoops. They can easily be forwarded or photographed, if not steamed open.

So your own personal snoop is right that it is unwise to put anything confidential on a postcard — or in any writing.

But he is wrong in his conclusion. If it is unwise to leave your car unlocked because it could easily be stolen, that does not make it all right for someone to steal it.

And, as you point out, your roommate should at least be ashamed enough to pretend that he had not snooped.

To send a question to the Miss Manners team of Judith Martin, Nicholas Ivor Martin and Jacobina Martin, go to missmanners.com or write them c/o Universal Uclick, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.

CELEBRITIES

Miller seeks mental health treatment

From news services

After a string of arrests and erratic behavior that spanned Hawaii to Vermont, “The Flash” actor Ezra Miller said they have begun treatment for “complex mental health issues.”

Miller, 29, who identifies as nonbinary, issued a statement Monday. On Sept. 26, Miller is due to appear for arraignment in Vermont Superior Court after being cited earlier this month for felony burglary in Stamford.

“Having recently gone through a time of intense crisis, I now understand that I am suffering complex mental health issues and have begun ongoing treatment,” Miller said in a statement. “I want to apologize to everyone that I have alarmed and upset with my past behavior. I am committed to doing the necessary work to get back to a healthy, safe and productive stage in my life.”

Miller was arrested twice this year in Hawaii, including for disorderly conduct and harassment at a karaoke bar. The second incident was for second-degree assault.

The parents of Tokata Iron Eyes, 18, a Native American activist, earlier this year filed a protection order against Miller, accusing the actor of grooming their child and other inappropriate behavior with her as a minor. Tokata Iron Eyes has disputed that.

Stars appeal for more Ukraine aid: Hollywood actor Liev Schreiber and former Ukraine soccer star Andriy Shevchenko appealed for international donations to Ukraine to continue during a visit Monday to a residential area outside Kyiv that suffered extensive damage by Russian bombardment. “People see it as a one-time thing. But, as you can see, people live with it every day,” said Schreiber.



Actor Ezra Miller has begun treatment for “complex mental health issues.” EVAN AGOSTINI/INVISION 2018

“It’s a coward move,” he said, pointing at a damaged apartment tower block in Borodyanka, 30 miles north of Kyiv.

Schreiber, who is partly of Ukrainian ancestry and is involved in several charity initiatives for the country, also met with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

Academy apologizes to Littlefeather: Nearly 50 years after Sacheen Littlefeather stood on the Academy Awards stage on behalf of Marlon Brando to speak about the depiction of Native Americans in Hollywood films, the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences has apologized to her for the abuse she endured. The Academy Museum of Motion Pictures on Monday said that it also will host Littlefeather, 75, for an evening of “conversation, healing and celebration” on Sept. 17. When Brando won best actor for “The Godfather” at the 1973 Oscars, Littlefeather took the stage and explained that Brando could not accept the award due to “the treatment of American Indians today by the film industry.”

Some in the audience booed her. In the years since, Littlefeather has said she has been mocked, discriminated against and personally attacked for her brief Oscars appearance. Littlefeather, in a statement, said it is “profoundly heartening to see how much has changed since I did not accept the Academy Award 50 years ago.”

Branch files for divorce: Singer-songwriter Michelle Branch officially filed for divorce from drummer Patrick Carney days after she accused him of cheating and was arrested for domestic assault. According to court documents, Branch filed for divorce on Friday in Tennessee. The couple has been married for about three years.

Aug. 17 birthdays: Actor Robert De Niro is 79. Guitarist Gary Talley is 75. Filmmaker Julian Fellowes is 73. Singer Belinda Carlisle is 64. Actor Sean Penn is 62. Saxophonist Everette Harp is 61. Singer Donnie Wahlberg is 53. TV personality Giuliana Rancic is 48. Actor Bryton James is 36. Actor Austin Butler is 31. Actor Taissa Farmiga is 28.



ASK AMY

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Sneezing in an elevator gives rise to panic

Dear Amy: I have a question about catching COVID-19 from riding in an elevator. Yesterday I was on an elevator in a residential building. I was wearing my mask. A young lady got on the elevator with no mask on. She started sneezing. I got panicky, and the elevator door opened. I promptly left the building. I wasn’t a tenant there. Is there any chance I can catch the virus that way?
— *Panicked*

Dear Panicked: You can learn more about COVID-19 and keep up on research through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (cdc.gov). Several studies in the earlier days of the pandemic focused on the risk of contracting the virus while in an elevator. Standing close together in an enclosed space definitely creates a risk for virus transmission, and a sneeze forcefully sends droplets into the air, but ventilation systems used in many elevators tend to force those droplets downward toward the floor. Facing away from other elevator riders can reduce this risk further. So yes, if the person who sneezed had COVID-19 — or a cold — you could become infected. Your mask provided protection (the CDC describes mask-wearing as a “critical public health tool”). Because you are extremely concerned, you should minimize the risks as you perceive them, while understanding that living in the world is something of a risky prospect

for all of us. Keeping up with your vaccinations, wearing a high-quality well-fitting mask and washing your hands often are all ways for you to minimize the risk of transmission. Ask your physician to assess the medical risks to you if you do get the COVID-19 virus. The new variants of COVID-19 are reported to be very communicable, but weakened in strength — meaning that people are more likely to contract the virus, but much less likely to land in the hospital as a result of the illness caused by the virus. In my opinion, your extreme anxiety and panic response actually poses a significant health risk to you. Left untreated, your anxiety might have a far greater impact on your quality of life than a bout of COVID-19.

Dear Amy: My husband and I are in our mid-80s, in good health and are blessed to have our children and their families nearby. We see them often. One of our sons has always been careful about his diet and follows all the latest research on the most healthful way to eat. Now, every time he visits we get dreary lectures on what we should and shouldn’t eat, what to throw out of our larder, what research to study and what daily routines to incorporate into our life. He won’t let it go. We try to lightheartedly dissuade this unwelcome “advice,” but it falls on deaf ears. By most standards, we eat a very healthy diet — very little meat, lots of vegetables and fruits, whole grains, nuts. We do

include a bit of sugar. No caffeine or alcohol. And we exercise regularly. We are happy to live like this for the rest of our days. How can we convince our son to accept that we are going to eventually die, and we’d rather enjoy our time with him free of endless tussles about what we choose to eat?
— *Loving Mother*

Dear Loving Mother: You might not be able to convince your son to accept your eventual death. That’s a tall order for someone who seems to be trying his hardest to prevent it. Elders often say that one privilege they enjoy is the ability to be blunt, without worrying too much about the reaction. Try that. For example, “Son. We’re going to stop you right there. We appreciate how much you love us, but we will not be changing our diets. Why? Because we don’t want to.”

Dear Amy: The question from “At Wits End Wife” sent shivers up my spine. Her husband’s violence was escalating, and he was killing small animals. I married a man like that and his behavior did accelerate. He tortured and killed my cat. He tortured and abused me in less than one year of marriage. I left unannounced to anyone and had to hide from him. I’m so thankful I was able to save my life.
— *Safe Now*

Dear Safe: This is horrific. I hope she does leave. Now.

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Retired detective discovers new scene in front of camera

By Luaine Lee
Tribune News Service

Though he has been retired for 27 years, former homicide detective Joe Kenda still has nightmares. That’s part of the reason he agreed to host nine seasons of ID’s “Homicide Hunter: Lt. Joe Kenda.” It was a series that outlined most of the 356 cases he solved while he served with the Colorado Springs Police Department.

Deep into his 21st year in homicide, Kenda says, “I wasn’t thinking about retiring, but it jumped up and smacked me in the face. I was more concerned about my emotional state than I was about how I could fix it, but it finally dawned on me it’s time to do something else. ... I’d reached my emotional limit. When I retired, everything around me was white noise.”

He was able to still that white noise with “Homicide Hunter” and is narrating the investigations of other detectives on “American Detective with Lt. Joe Kenda,” airing now on ID. But it’s the cases that Kenda and his team didn’t solve that still keep him up at night. The first of three specials premiering Aug. 17 on ID outlines three of those cases that have been resolved through scientific advances in DNA. The series is aptly titled “Homicide Hunter: Never Give Up.”

“Ultimately, DNA is the finest tool ever produced for law enforcement,” says Kenda. “... It was designed for medical purposes. But it became apparent it could be used to uniquely identify someone as opposed to any other person on the planet as a result of the analysis of the DNA found on the crime scene.”

After retirement Kenda had no intention of becoming a TV star. “I wasn’t expecting any of this really. I was opposed to even



Former homicide detective Joe Kenda will host three specials outlining cases that were solved using DNA technology. ID

doing this when this first came up,” he recalls. “A producer wrote me a letter saying he thought I would work for something like this. I put it aside, and my wife said, ‘What’s that?’ I said, ‘It’s a letter from some guy who says he’s going to put me on television — like that’s gonna happen.’ She said, ‘You should call him.’ ‘I’m not going to call him. I don’t like TV people.’ This went on for four days,” he says. But his wife, Kathy, was persistent. “Kathy has a Ph.D. in nagging, so she understood that would just drive me crazy, and that’s precisely what she did.” When he finally called, Kenda says he liked the fellow on the other end of the line. “He offered me \$100 to come to Denver for a screen test in front of a camera. I’m a retired policeman, 100 bucks is a lot of money. ... So I went to Denver. I sat in a chair. And the guy looks at me, and I look at him, and I haven’t a clue what’s happening. I’m looking at cameras and cables and sound equipment I’ve never seen before.” Kenda asked the producer, “What do you want to talk about?” “Tell me about murder,” he replied. So Kenda began. “I (talked) for about 30

minutes right off the top of my head, and I stopped, and I stood up and said, ‘Is that what you had in mind?’ Everybody’s standing there with their mouths open. I thought, ‘Well, this didn’t go well.’ I said, ‘Let me ask you again, is that what you had in mind?’ ‘Oh, God, yes.’ And here we go, and here we are today.” For all his nightmares and headaches and white noise, Kenda says doing television has proved therapeutic for him. “I feel immensely better 10 years later than I did when I started this,” he says. “I said more to that camera than I ever said to my wife. It helps. The first time she watched the show, she’s looking at me and said, ‘I never knew you did that!’ I didn’t want to burden her with what I was doing. You bury it and think it’s going to go away. It didn’t work that way. It’s helpful because it helps me get some of the emotion out of me, which I’ve spent all my life containing — which just doesn’t work. The fact that it’s turned into what it has, and the fact that it’s turned into what it has, amounts to living proof of me being something that is rare — even a blind pig finds an acorn once in awhile.”

HOROSCOPES

Tarot.com

Aries (March 21-April 19): Going all out to have a good time may sound appealing. An honest look at your energy level could cast the deciding vote. You might actually be happier with a quiet night in, so don’t feel obligated to do something more exciting.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Scrolling through social media for inspiration could leave you worried that you can’t live up to your expectations. You’d be better off taking a break from others’ influence to get in touch with your intuition. If you think about it, you probably already know what you need to do to be more comfortable — just do it!

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Sharing your opinions on routine matters might be fraught today. Maybe you’re trying to unsnarl a situation where an authority figure has been vague about expectations. Regardless, you’re likely to land on hidden sensitivities. Waiting could get you the information you seek.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): An opportunity to spend on impulse with your friends could disrupt something you had in mind for your budget. Articulating your boundaries around money more clearly is likely to have longer-lasting benefits than whatever you’re tempted to buy.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On Aug. 17, 1915, a mob in Cobb County, Georgia, lynched Jewish businessman Leo Frank, 31, whose death sentence for the murder of 13-year-old Mary Phagan had been commuted to life impris-

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Being in the spotlight may currently come easily to you. If you can identify specifically how your audience would benefit, opening up is potentially worth the trouble. Call it a day early, though, if you’re mostly just enjoying the warm glow of basking in attention.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Quiet time may entice you today, perhaps specifically involving curling up with a favorite book. On the other hand, you might struggle to tear yourself away from someone important in your life who seems to demand your attention. Asking rather than assuming will likely free you up to relax and enjoy yourself.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may feel like you must decline a social opportunity today. However, look more closely at what’s really expected of you. You’ve embraced an attitude of martyrdom toward tasks that don’t deserve it. If you’re not interested in hanging out for other reasons, just own them!

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): The approval of authority figures could be a seductive force for you at the moment. Someone you’re close with might suggest that you’re capable of something that would bring you more personal fulfillment. You’ve got the right to stick with the more reliable option.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You might feel guilty about abandoning a needy family member. If you’re able to address this person’s practical worries, that should make the emotional components easier to see. Hurt feelings will probably still be thorny, but they’ll at least be out in the open.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your attention could be enraptured by an intense experience at the moment, but putting it into words might be a challenge. You can open up to anyone who’s going through the crucible with you however feels natural. Making sense of the situation will come when you’re ready for it.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Strengthening a close relationship could generally be going well for you now. Don’t take for granted that your perception of what the other person expects from you is entirely accurate. Be sure to get all the facts before you give anything that you aren’t totally sure about.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Your responsibilities could push you to commit to a specific course of action. Your biggest challenge might be avoiding distractions. While keeping your boundaries loose seems to please everyone, you risk pleasing no one if you don’t corral your plans enough to complete your job.

onment. (Frank, who’d maintained his innocence, was pardoned by the state of Georgia in 1986.)

In 1945, the George Orwell novel “Animal Farm,” an allegorical satire of Soviet Communism, was first published in London by Martin Secker & Warburg.

In 1978, the first successful trans-Atlantic balloon flight ended as Maxie

Anderson, Ben Abruzzo and Larry Newman landed their Double Eagle II outside Paris.

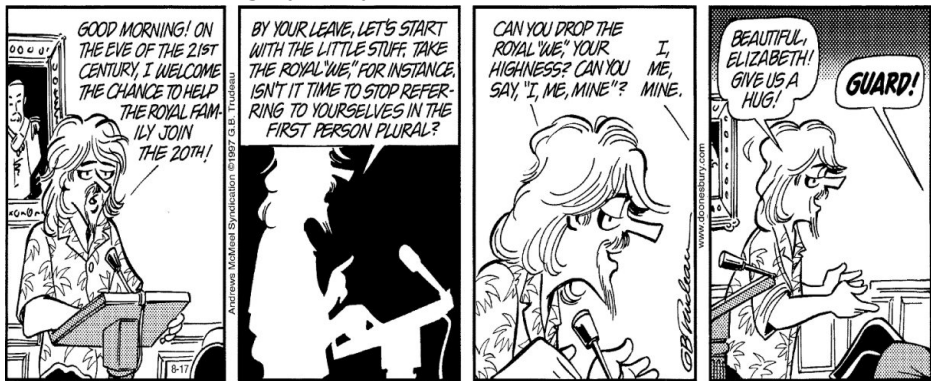
In 2004, at the Athens games, Romania won its second straight Olympic gold medal in women’s gymnastics.

In 2011, Vice President Joe Biden arrived in Beijing to meet with his Chinese counterpart, Xi Jinping.

Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz



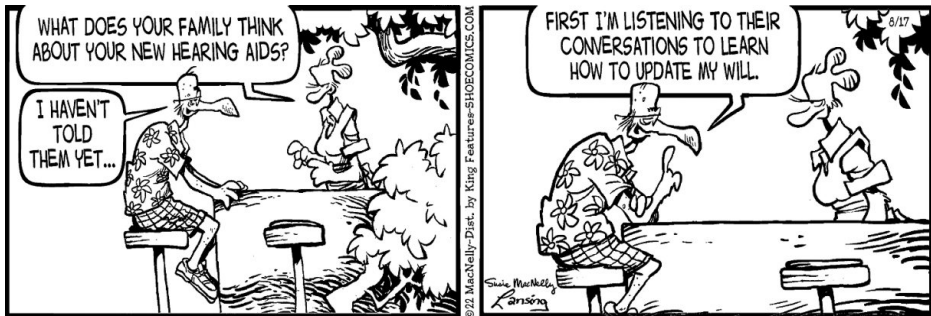
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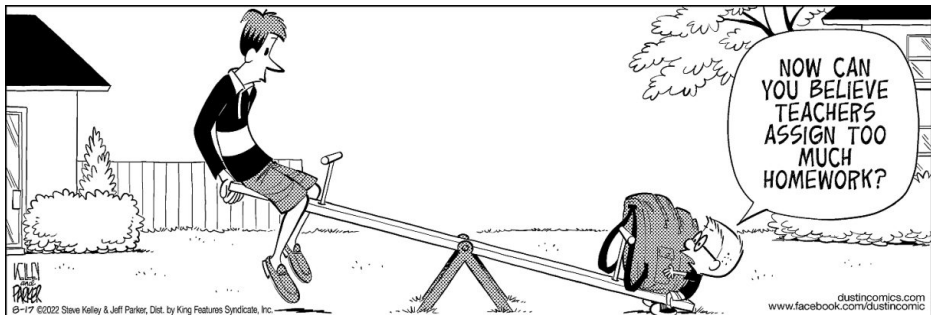
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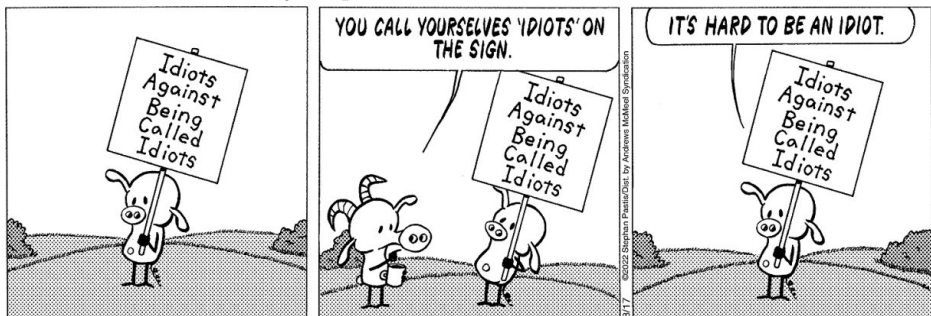
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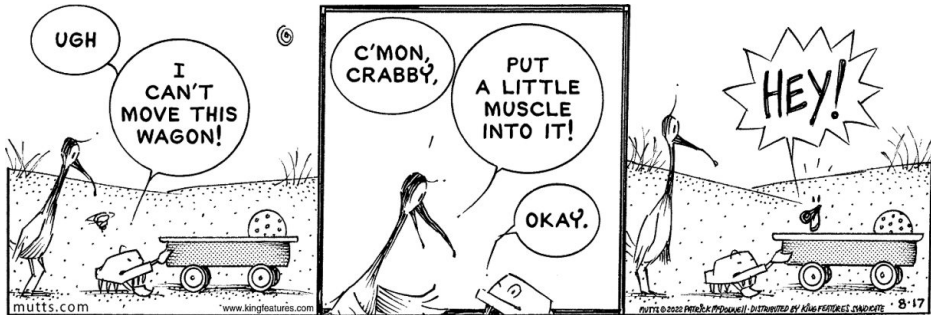
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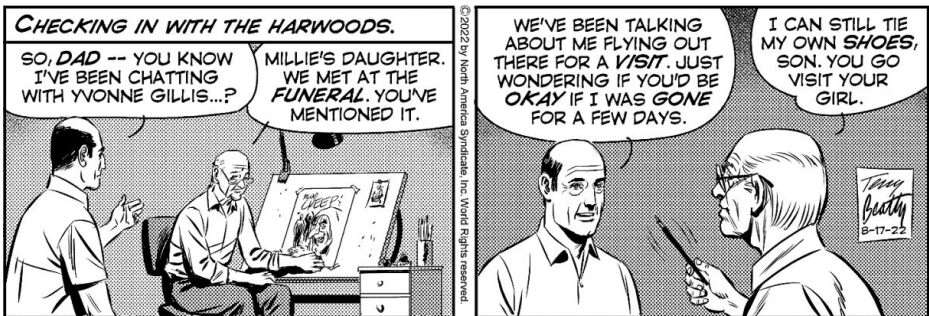
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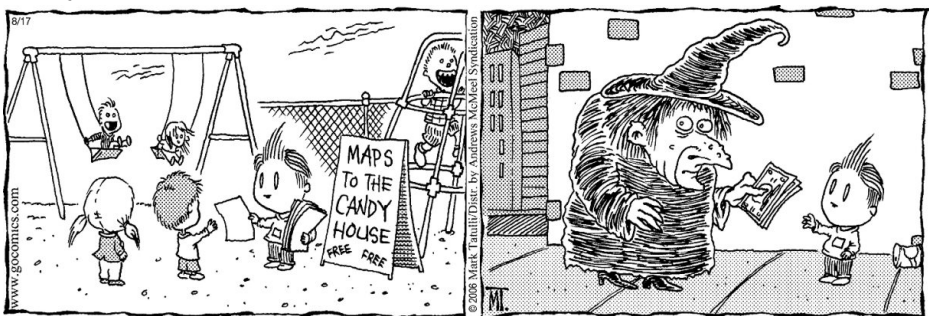
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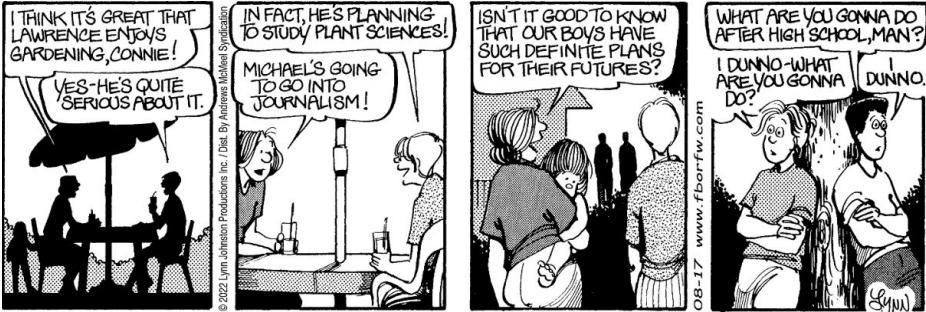
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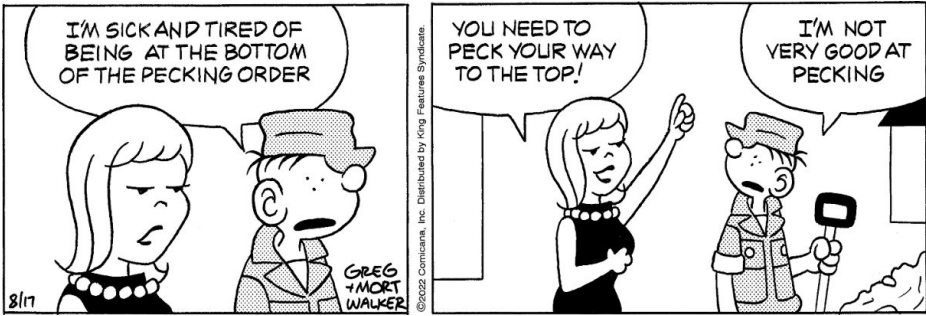
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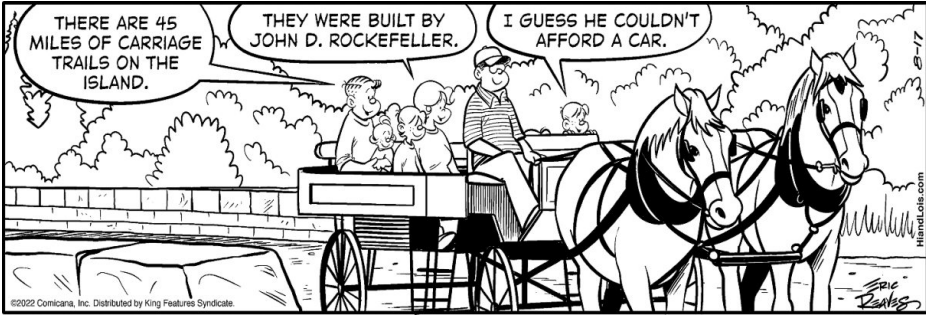
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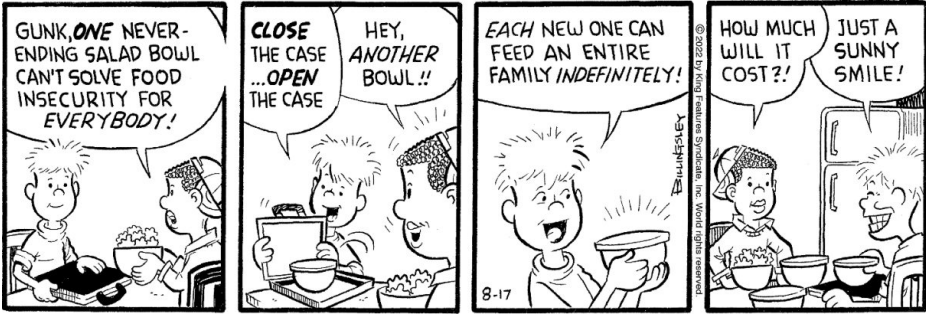
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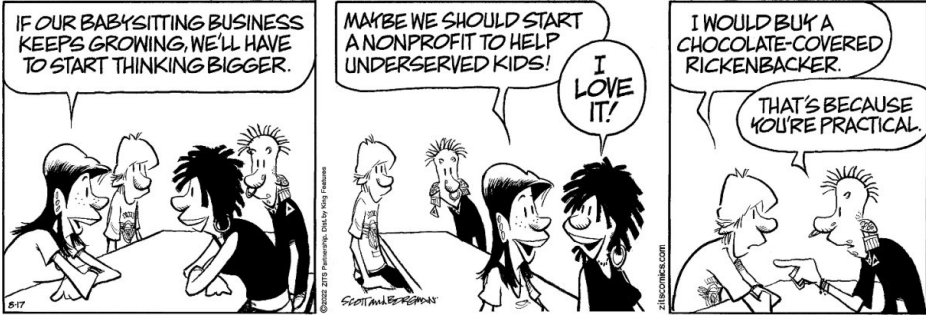
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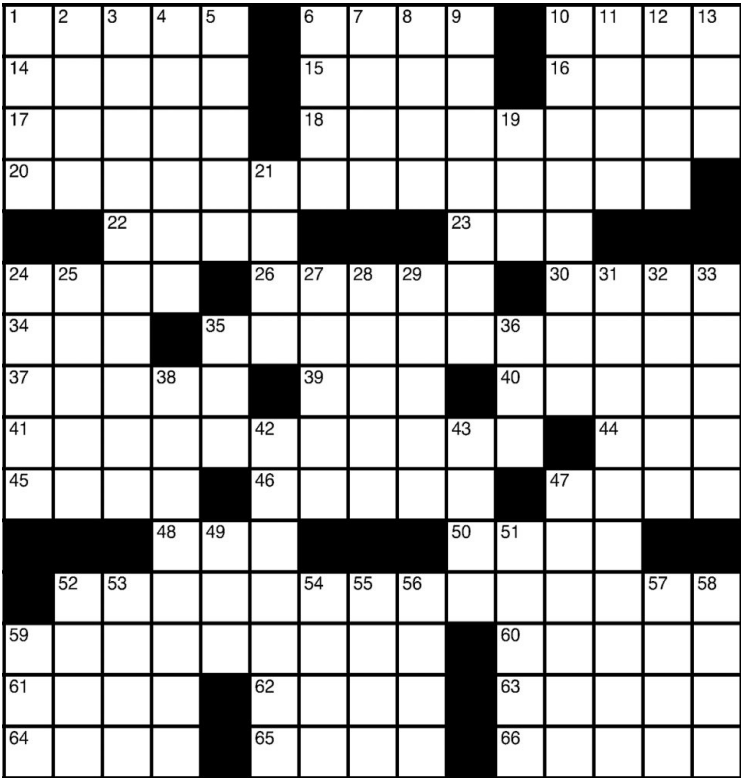
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2 Wedding push?
3 "Do not push me right now"
4 Revitalizing
5 Interview talking point
6 "Best. Day. ___!"
7 "Dibs!"
8 Rx orders
9 Enlarged one's family, in a way



By Katherine Baicker and Scott Earl Tribune Content Agency 8/17/22

BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

North dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

- ♠ 8 3
♥ A 7 4 2
♦ K 6
♣ A K 7 3 2

EAST

- ♠ 6 2
♥ 9 8 3
♦ A Q J 9 7 5
♣ 10 6

SOUTH

- ♠ K 10 9 7 5 4
♥ K Q
♦ 10 4 3
♣ 9 5

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♠	1 ♦	1 ♠	1 NT
Pass	2 ♦	2 ♠	Dble

Opening lead — eight of diamonds.
So near and yet so far

In general, it is not wise to double the opponents for penalties unless you think you can defeat the contract at least two tricks. Aside from the fact that you might not get one of the tricks you are counting on, there is the simple matter of the scoring itself.

For example, let's say you double an opponent in four hearts not vulnerable, expecting to set the contract one trick. If you're right, you gain 50 points, scoring 100 points instead of 50. But if you're wrong and declarer makes four hearts doubled, you lose an extra 170 points because of your double.

So, in trying to gain 50 points, you might lose 170, which means you are giving odds of about 3.5 to 1 that the contract will fail.

Consider this deal from a duplicate game where West made a very close double of two spades. This was an especially risky double because, if West's hopes failed to materialize, he would be doubling the opponents into game.

West led a diamond, and East took dummy's king with the ace. East very correctly returned a trump, won by West with the jack. Back came another diamond, won by East with the jack.

At this point, it was no longer possible to defeat the contract. With a diamond return, the defenders would finish with three trump tricks and two diamonds. With any other return, declarer would also finish with eight tricks, eventually discarding his third diamond on dummy's ace of hearts. So South made two spades doubled for a score of 670 points.

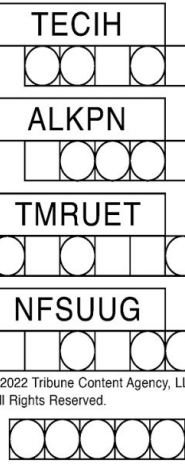
However, West could have defeated the contract and scored 200 points had he cashed his ace of trump after winning East's trump return with the jack at trick two. He would then lead the deuce of diamonds to East's jack at trick four. East would next cash the queen of diamonds and continue with a diamond, promoting West's queen of spades as the setting trick. Close doubles require tight defense.

Tomorrow: It's not that difficult.

JUMBLE

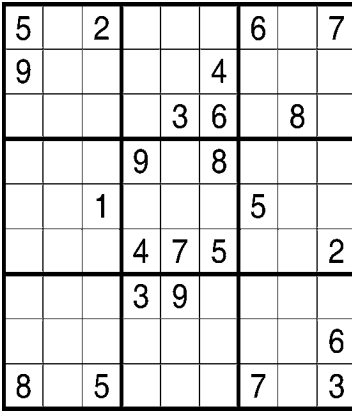
BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square to form four ordinary words.



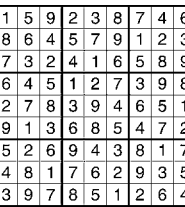
Yesterday's Jumbles: LATCH CRIMP GLADLY ODDSET
Answer: The Everglades reptile that was following too close was a — "TAIL-GATOR"

TODAY'S SUDOKU



Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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SUDOKU

8 7 2 1 4 6 7 5 3 4

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Level: 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

4 2 9 1 3 7 8 6 5

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BOGGLE

Boggle BrainBusters!

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

S C K M
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T O U L
C R F D

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INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

BOGGLE POINT SCALE

- 3 letters = 1 point
- 4 letters = 2 points
- 5 letters = 3 points
- 6 letters = 4 points
- 7 letters = 6 points
- 8 letters = 10 points
- 9+ letters = 15 points

YOUR BOGGLE RATING

- 151+ = Champ
- 101-150 = Expert
- 61-100 = Pro
- 31-60 = Gamer
- 21-30 = Rookie
- 11-20 = Amateur
- 0-10 = Try again

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Find AT LEAST SIX WORDS RELATED TO BASKETBALL in the grid of letters.

DUNK FOUR TEAM SHOT COACH COURT

WordWheel

S T O R E A T ?

Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

TOASTERS

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WORD SEARCH

Wordsearch: European cities

70

Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

B R A T I S L A V A S G T R P A R I S I Z K I V A J K Y E R N E I D V C D E B Q O H T S E P A D U B T N O B S I L J T B U H G E E A T H E N S E B D U L U B R T A L N H E L S I N K I V B I I B I S O A N G Q T E L M K Z P N A U V N L E U I Z O Q N L Q K A R A K N A E P I L L C H L L A T B R A T Y G V S S X S P O N G O T E S H M S V O N R L V G I A U E N C M U C S I I E C I N E D H R N S L W E Y R T R E D S S L F S B C B U E A A J G E E N A D B U R A S S I E Q B V R S R A N L U B O I E I U W N L Q D M S D E A H Z A N R N B Y R O U G E U G A R P G U N O P J L K C B C M R J U M W H Q E U S E M T I X Z T S S A R A J E V O N L R B P E V K X L O W D O E C N E R O L F B V O K S N I M I E L L I E S R A M R I G A C K H Q X

AMSTERDAM	COPENHAGEN	MOSCOW	SARAJEVO
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BARCELONA	GENOA	NICE	TBILISI
BELGRADE	HAMBURG	ODESSA	TOULOUSE
BERLIN	HELSINKI	OSLO	TURIN
BRATISLAVA	ISTANBUL	PALERMO	VALENCIA
BRUGES	KIEV	PARIS	VIENNA
BRUSSELS	LISBON	PRAGUE	VILNIUS
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TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47

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ACROSS

1 "___" in Toyland"

6 "___ About You"

9 City in Florida

10 Refrigerator brand

12 ___ B. DeMille

13 Role on "The Beverly Hillbillies"

14 Bit of soot

15 Will of "The Waltons"

16 Stephanie Zimbalist's dad

19 Actor Chandler

23 "Schindler's ___"

24 "You've Got ___"; Tom Hanks/Meg Ryan film

25 "The Colbert ___"

28 Minnie Mouse's love

30 Sharif or Epps

31 Columbo's portrayer

32 Like Lady Godiva

33 Talk show hostess Lake

34 "___ Peaks"; mystery horror series

36 M's followers

39 Van Buren or Sheen

42 "The ___ Reed Show"

DOWN

44 Main character in "The Little Mermaid"

45 "As I was going to St. Ives, ___ man..."

46 Mind-altering drug, for short

47 Bill de Blasio's title

B A B E S M A D
O C A L A A M A N A
C E C I L G R A N N Y
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E F R E M K Y L E
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European cities

B R A T I S L A V A S G T R P A R I S I Z K I V A J K Y E R N E I D V C D E B Q O H T S E P A D U B T N O B S I L J T B U H G E E A T H E N S E B D U L U B R T A L N H E L S I N K I V B I I B I S O A N G Q T E L M K Z P N A U V N L E U I Z O Q N L Q K A R A K N A E P I L L C H L L A T B R A T Y G V S S X S P O N G O T E S H M S V O N R L V G I A U E N C M U C S I I E C I N E D H R N S L W E Y R T R E D S S L F S B C B U E A A J G E E N A D B U R A S S I E Q B V R S R A N L U B O I E I U W N L Q D M S D E A H Z A N R N B Y R O U G E U G A R P G U N O P J L K C B C M R J U M W H Q E U S E M T I X Z T S S A R A J E V O N L R B P E V K X L O W D O E C N E R O L F B V O K S N I M I E L L I E S R A M R I G A C K H Q X

A C R K P
S O S A S T R A T E G Y
R P A V E R L E E
T R P A C E H E P
H A S I D L A N D A U
T R T A M P S
S T A K E S A R M U
B I N G O L A P D O G
H A R I F R O G A N A
R T R A G E N D E R

G U A R A N T E E

ARROW WORDS

Fill in the grid using the clues provided in the direction of the arrows. When complete, unscramble the letters in the circles to reveal a mystery word.

Main artery 3 Italian island Invitation initials Blue-green shade Allen of 'Raiders of the Lost Ark' 'The Taking of ___ 12 3' Horse command 'Uh-huh'

Sluggish Sammy Install a sidewalk 9 Mail order book 4 Shelter 8

Jewish sect member Step Walk back and forth Liquid sediment 6 Cool, in old slang A bit wet Sweet substance

Vampire slayers Ski-lift type Create with yarn Soft seat 'Ed Wood' Oscar winner Sound boosters Frenzy

Numbers game 5 Limb June honoree 'A Chorus Line' song 2

Kermitt, for one 1 Santa ___, CA

Mata ___ Song syllable 7 Grammar class

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

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Maze puzzle with a cartoon character at the entrance.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Connecticut

**Notice of Tentative Decision to
Modify the General Permit for the
Discharge of Stormwater and
Dewatering Wastewaters from Construction
Activities**

The Department of Energy and Environmental
Protection (DEEP) hereby gives notice of a
tentative decision to modify certain sections
of the General Permit for the Discharge of
Stormwater and Dewatering Wastewaters
from Construction Activities (construction
general permit) to allow for construc-
tion activities within cold water stream
habitats that have been authorized by the
Commissioner through other state permitting
mechanisms and/or in coordination with the
DEEP Fisheries Division. The Department
previously reissued the construction general
permit, effective December 31, 2020 and
expiring December 30, 2025.

Further information on the general permits
is available on the DEEP website at <http://www.ct.gov/deep/publicnotices> or may
be obtained at the Bureau of Materials
Management and Compliance Assurance of
the Department of Energy and Environmental
Protection, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT from
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through
Friday. Direct questions about the general
permits to Laura Gaughran at 860-424-4049
or laura.gaughran@ct.gov.

Katherine S. Dykes
Commissioner

Date: August 1, 2022
8/17/22 7270507

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION AND NOTICE
TO CREDITORS OF COTTAGE GROVE
ASSOCIATES, PC. Pursuant to Section 33-
880 of the Connecticut General Statutes,
notice is hereby given that Cottage Grove
Associates, PC, has filed a Certificate of
Dissolution in the Office of the Secretary of
State of Connecticut on July 18, 2022. All
creditors shall present their claims to Dalton
& Finegold, LLP the company's attorney, at:
34 Essex St., Andover, MA 01810, Attn:
P Michael Margolis, Esquire. All creditors
shall present claims prior to NOVEMBER
18, 2022. Claims not presented as herein
provided will be barred as provided by the
applicable Connecticut General Statutes.
8/3, 8/17/2022 7261188

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

This is to give notice that I, **CHARLES
J. CLAMPETT 24 BITTERSWEET LN,
BURLINGTON, CT 03013-2203**, have filed
an application placarded **08/09/2022** with
the Department of Consumer Protection
for a **CONNECTICUT CRAFT CAFE LIQUOR
PERMIT** for the sale of alcoholic liquor
on the premises at 280 SPIELMAN HWY
BURLINGTON CT 06013-1747.
The business will be owned by: EVENING
SKY BREWING COMPANY LLC
Entertainment will consist of: Acoustics (not
amplified), Live Bands
Objections must be filed by: 09-20-2022

08/09/2022
EVENING SKY BREWING COMPANY LLC
8/10, 8/17/2022 7264236

Notice of Permit Application

Notice is hereby given that John C. Kennedy
(the "applicant") of 191 North Cove Road,
Old Saybrook will submit to the Department
of Energy & Environmental Protection an ap-
plication under Connecticut General Statutes
(CGS) Section 22a-361.

Specifically, the applicant proposes to install
a new ramp and float from an existing pier,
all in North Cove. The proposed activities
will take place at 191 North Cove Road, Old
Saybrook. The proposed activities will po-
tentially affect coastal and aquatic resources.

Interested persons may obtain copies of
the application from Coastline Consulting &
Development, LLC, 57-B East Industrial Road,
Branford, CT 06405, telephone (203) 433-
4486, e-mail: mark@coastlineconsulting-ct.com.

The application will be available for inspec-
tion at the Office of the Department of Energy
& Environmental Protection, Land & Water
Resources Division, 79 Elm Street, Hartford,
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WEATHER

WEDNESDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mostly cloudy, chance for some showers in eastern portions of the state, maybe a shower elsewhere.

HIGH 75°
LOW 60°

THURSDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny and seasonable.

HIGH 83°
LOW 61°

FRIDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mostly sunny and very warm.

HIGH 88°
LOW 64°

SATURDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny and very warm.

HIGH 89°
LOW 64°

SUNDAY







SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny and very warm.

HIGH 89°
LOW 66°

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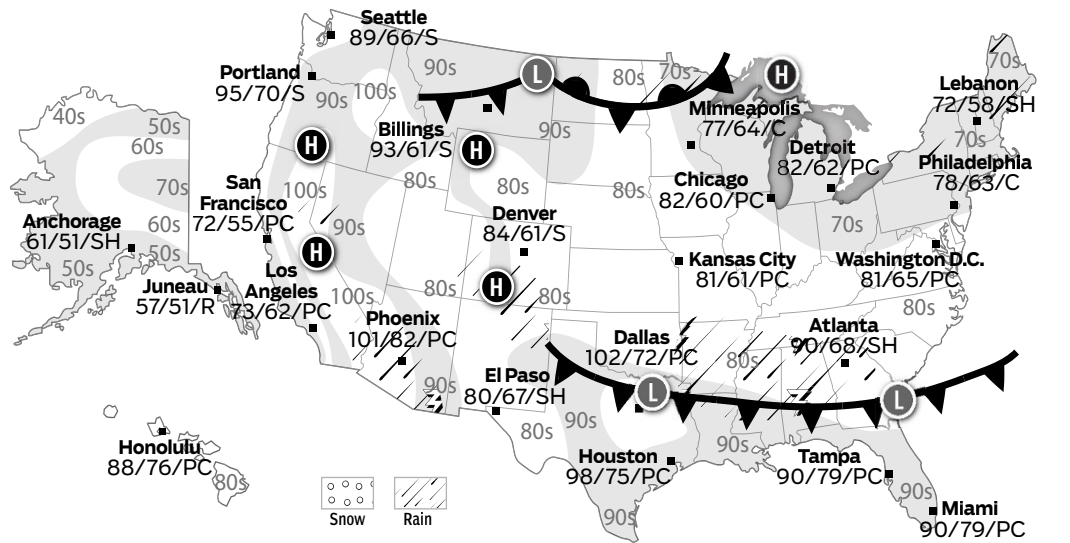
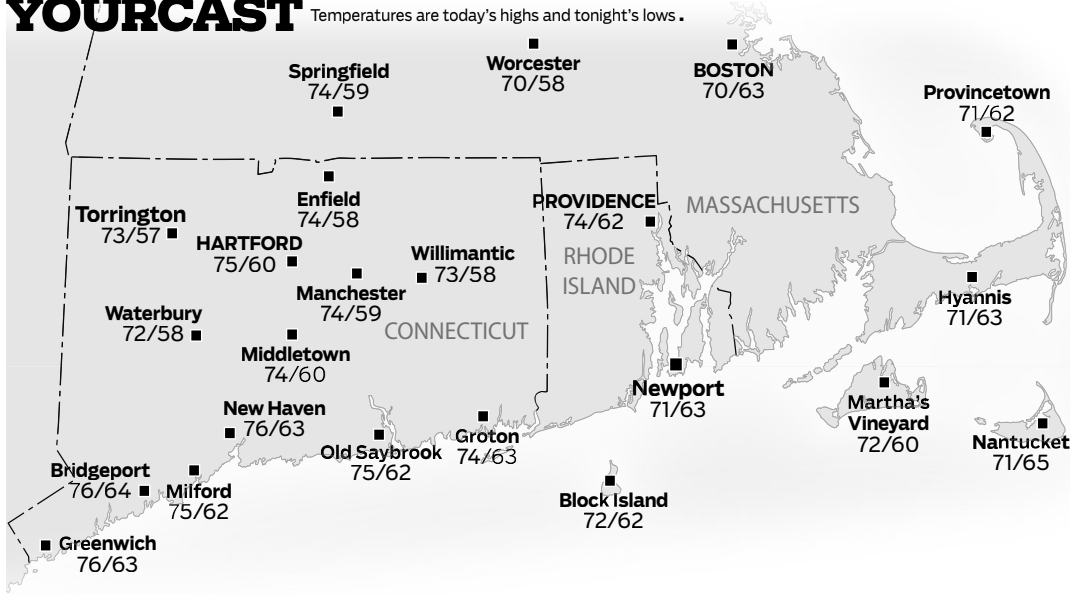
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YOURCAST

Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



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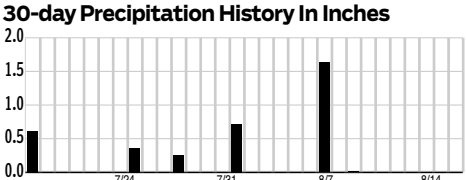
A low-pressure system passing east of the state on Wednesday will cause periods of rain in eastern New England in the morning and then showers in the afternoon. Here in Connecticut, the sky will be mostly cloudy with some showers possible in eastern areas and there could be a stray shower or sprinkles in the western sections. Temperatures will be seasonably cool with highs in the 70s and the dew points will be in the 50s. It will be partly sunny and seasonable Thursday, then it will be turning very warm and more humid Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

-Gary Lessor

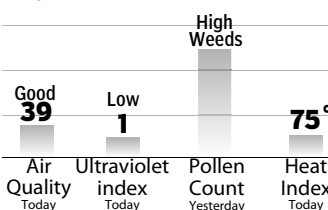
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Precipitation In Inches	Total Normal
Yesterday (by 5 p.m.)	0.00 0.14
Month to date	2.47 2.36
Total this year	25.30 28.70

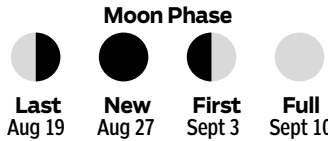
Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks



Air Quality Forecast For Today



	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	6:01 a.m.	6:02 a.m.
Sunset	7:49 p.m.	7:48 p.m.
Moonrise	10:52 p.m.	11:19 p.m.
Moonset	12:17 p.m.	1:23 p.m.



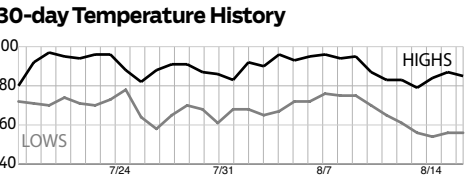
Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	1:55 a.m. 2:30 p.m.	8:25 a.m. 9:17 p.m.	73°
Saybrook Jetty	3:06 a.m. 3:41 p.m.	9:18 a.m. 10:10 p.m.	74°
Connecticut River at Portland	5:49 a.m. 6:24 p.m.	12:57 a.m. 1:04 p.m.	
Madison	3:29 a.m. 3:53 p.m.	9:35 a.m. 10:15 p.m.	75°
New Haven	3:49 a.m. 4:13 p.m.	9:59 a.m. 10:39 p.m.	75°
Stamford	3:53 a.m. 4:17 p.m.	10:13 a.m. 10:43 p.m.	76°

River Stage at Hartford: 2.78 feet at 5:30 p.m.

Boating	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B.I. Sound
Weather	Cloudy	Showers	Showers
Wind	N, 10-15	N, 10-15	N, 10-20
Seas	1-3 ft.	1-3 ft.	3-5 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Tuesday	85 at 2:48 p.m.	56 at 4:15 a.m.
Normal for date	84	62
Record for date	97 in 2002	47 in 1972
A year ago	82	58
Range this year	97	-2

Cooling Degree Days	Season	Normal	Last Season
For Jan 1 - Aug 16	817	624	691



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	30.06 at 9 a.m.	30.00 at 6 p.m.
Dew point	56° at 12 a.m.	50° at 1 p.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND	Baltimore 79 61 SH	Nashville 84 65 PC	San Juan 89 78 SH	Budapest 95 72 S
Bangor 67 62 R	Bismarck 89 56 PC	New Orleans 93 76 PC	Tucson 95 77 PC	Buenos Aires 59 41 C
Burlington 75 59 C	Boise 103 68 S	New York 80 66 C		Cairo 99 72 S
Caribou 71 60 SH	Buffalo 78 60 SH	Okla. City 81 64 C	WORLD	Cancun 91 79 PC
Concord 71 59 SH	Charleston 88 71 C	Omaha 85 65 PC	Amsterdam 76 63 SH	Dubai 102 88 PC
Montpelier 72 56 SH	Cincinnati 79 61 PC	Orlando 94 76 PC	Athens 99 80 S	Dublin 67 58 PC
Mt. Wash. 45 40 SH	Cleveland 77 60 PC	Pittsburgh 76 57 PC	Bangkok 91 77 PC	Edinburgh 64 53 PC
Portland 67 61 SH	Indianapolis 82 61 PC	Raleigh 84 64 PC	Barbados 85 77 S	Paris 79 66 SH
Woods Hole 72 60 R	Jacksonville 94 72 T	St. Louis 85 66 PC	Beijing 76 73 SH	Hong Kong 84 77 SH
	Las Vegas 100 83 PC	Salt Lake City 101 73 PC	Beirut 83 76 S	Helsinki 91 74 S
	Miami Beach 90 82 PC	San Antonio 97 77 PC	Berlin 91 70 PC	Jerusalem 87 65 S
	Milwaukee 77 60 PC	San Diego 78 67 PC	Bermuda 85 81 SH	Johannesburg 71 50 S
				Singapore 90 78 SH

KEY: S Sunny, C Cloudy, PC Partly Cloudy, R Rain, SH Showers, SN Snow, SF Snow Flurries, T T-storms

Kingston 91 75 SH	Stockholm 82 63 SH
Lisbon 80 62 S	Sydney 72 57 PC
London 75 61 SH	Tel Aviv 87 73 S
Madrid 82 58 S	Tokyo 89 73 SH
Mexico City 71 53 SH	Toronto 76 66 SH
Milan 85 65 SH	Vancouver 87 67 S
Montreal 75 61 SH	Warsaw 84 66 PC
Moscow 86 64 PC	
Nassau 88 81 S	
New Delhi 96 79 PC	
Paris 79 61 SH	
Prague 89 66 PC	
Rio de Janeiro 82 72 S	
Rome 96 76 S	
Seoul 88 70 PC	
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Denise, adopted 17-year-old Amina



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